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Report by Adam Burling

PROSTITUTES are continuing to plague the streets of Walsall and leaving residents scared to go outside at night – sparking a crunch meeting with police.

Families say the problem in Pleck is worse than ever despite a crackdown being launched last year. Kerb crawlers are approaching prostitutes outside people's houses, while needles and used condoms are being discarded in the gutter. Now the neighbourhood watch group is meeting police and councillors on September 4 to tackle the issue.

Operation Scarlet was launched last year, with sex workers and kerb crawlers being hauled before the courts.

And though police insist the crackdown is continuing, residents say the problem is getting worse. And some are even considering moving out of the area.

Darlaston Road and Gower Street are said to be particular hotspots.

Retired police officer and Pleck Neighbourhood Watch chairman David Baker, aged 66, said: "I live in Gower Street and these women are operating under our noses, and enough is enough.

"The property value round here is dropping and we have had all we can take. I think the number of women and punters has trebled in the last couple of months.

Cautions

"Women are frightened of being accosted as they walk down the street. It's unacceptable."

He has called a meeting on September 4 at James Bridge Copper Social Club in Reservoir Place at 7.30pm and expects local police officers to attend.

Police say powers under Operation Scarlet include issuing street cautions and in some cases if they repeatedly re-offend, applying to the courts for a criminal anti-social behaviour order (CRASBO) which bans them from entering a specific area of Walsall.

Sergeant Mo Shaid, from Pleck neighbourhood policing team, said: "People understandably do not want this type of behaviour on their doorstep.

"Historically we are aware of street workers operating in the area and along with the Walsall South Area Partnership a joint operation to look at the problem of street sex workers and kerb crawlers has been put in place."

New boss warns of need for more cuts

CUTS at Walsall Council will be even worse than feared with services axed and fees up.

New council leader Sean Coughlan claims the previous administration didn't address the authority's dire finances and says services will be slashed and charges increased as the council faces £104m of savings over five years.

The council has to save £21m in the current financial year alone. But the new leader says even more will have to be cut from the budget in the coming years.

The Labour group took control of the council earlier this month from the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition.

Councillor Coughlan said: "This could be the toughest year yet of savings. Some services will remain, some will be run differently and some will have to cease. The financial position is worse than the previous administration was letting on and everything we were saying over the last year was true. We thought the council was wrong to be making short term budget plans and we were right."

The new cabinet has launched a survey for residents to have their say on what cuts should be made.

The survey is available at www.walsall.gov.uk/budgethaveyoursay

Unit is given closure date

THE consultant-led maternity unit at Stafford Hospital is due to close in January, staff have been told – even though a Government review into its future has not yet started.

Under the changes there would only be a midwife-led facility dealing with low-risk births.Other women will have to travel to hospitals including Walsall Manor.

Staff have been told the maternity unit has been earmarked for closure.

B&M store scheme to boost jobs

AROUND 65 jobs could be created by a national retailer that wants to take over a former DIY outlet in Walsall, under new plans.

B&M wants to take on the former Focus DIY outlet in Coppice Lane, Aldridge, and has lodged plans with Walsall Council.

It comes after it was announced last week that the retailer was the first big brand to sign up to the £12 million St Matthews Quarter development in Walsall town centre, which is expected to create around 200 new jobs.

Permission is being sought to vary a condition about what can be sold at the store in order for B&M to move in.

According to the plans, the scheme will improve the choice of shopping facilities, encourage competition and create employment.

A report, lodged with the plans reads: "Up to 65 new employment opportunities would be created.

"This is a consideration which weighs in its favour.

"It will provide a further boost to the local economy and given the nature of the scheme the majority of the jobs will be available to local people."

Esther is 'A' starter for 10

Young academic Esther Okade aged 10, who has passed her maths A-Level

SHE stunned her family and friends by passing her maths GCSE at the age of seven and now Esther Okade has done it again.

The 10-year-old has passed an A-level, scooping a B in the tough subject. Now she hopes to take a university degree at the age of 12. In 2010 Walsall youngster Esther got a C grade in her GCSE maths exam and had plans to sit her A-level the following year.

However, those plans were shelved after Esther decided to resit the exam to get a better grade. Her proud mother Omonefe Okade said: "When she was seven, after the first GCSE she did, she said she didn't like the C. 'That is yucky'. She wanted to do it again the next year. 'A is better' she said, so she did it again the next year and got an A."

Esther sat the first two exams of her A-level maths at Ounsdale High School, Wombourne, and received a B. Despite completing all six A-level modules and getting a B, Mrs Okade said Esther was not particularly happy with her grade: "Everyone else was like 'wow' and she was like 'oh – a B'."

Aspray in talks over main site expansion

A TOP transport firm in Willenhall is set to expand and create more jobs.

Aspray24 wants to increase the size of its 17-acre head office in Noose Lane.

The firm which employs more than 700 people across the UK and has over 550 trucks want to take over neighbouring land.

Discussions have been taking place with Hammond Case and Pallet over the site, which would see them move to improved premises elsewhere.

It comes after Aspray24 have already taken over the former George Carter site in Park Road to create a warehouse. Bosses say they are keen to continue to grow, safeguard and bring new jobs.

An application has been lodged with Walsall Council for planning permission to use the Hammond's site, if acquired, to create more lorry space.

Stuart Laight, managing director at Aspray24, said securing permission would enable the company to move fast if the land became available. "We are very busy at the moment so it is sensible to plan for growth," he said.

The application states the company has grown since being on site in the 1990s from 4.7 acres. It has seen an extra 85 workers recruited in 2012 and another 115 last year.

On course to start running

A ONE-DAY course has been organised designed to help people spread the word on the positive effects of running.

The course, which is supported by Run England, will be held at the Willenhall E-Act Academy on September 14.

The course is free and all who attend.

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Alert as drugs suspect is still at large

Robert Knight

A SUSPECTED drug smuggler from Walsall, and who is believed to be hiding in Spain, remains at large.

A message has now been issued from police urging holidaymakers to keep a lookout.

Robert Knight, aged 53, is thought to be part of a gang who tried to import cocaine through Heathrow Airport in 2008.

He has been on the most wanted list of suspected criminals from the West Midlands in recent years and his last known address was in the Brownhills area of Walsall.

However he is also believed to have links to Lichfield and Birmingham as well as Belgium, Gibraltar, Thailand and South Africa.

Hank Cole, Head of International Operations for the National Crime Agency, said: "The NCA and its partners have the capability to pursue fugitives relentlessly. Spain is not a safe haven.

"The exceptional level of collaboration and intelligence sharing with the Spanish authorities has been vital to many of these arrests.

"The most important thing though is the power of this campaign to harness the eyes and ears of the public, both here and

Motorway roadworks scheme announced

MOTORISTS have been warned of disruption on the M6 through the Black Country and Staffordshire as a series of overnight closures are under way.

From Tuesday drivers were forced to find alternative routes after a fresh round of roadworks start as part of a £120 million scheme. The smart motorways projects aims to extend the use of the hard shoulder as an extra lane.

A series of overnight closures have been announced for 15 consecutive nights on the M6 southbound between junctions 10a for Wolverhampton and the M54 and junction 13 for Stafford.

And the agency advised more road closures are on the way in October. Highways Agency bosses said the closures to parts of the motorway and the slip roads was to enable work on updating overhead gantries.

They claimed the scheme had been designed to minimise disruption and say the overall projects aims to reduce congestion and provide 'more reliable journey times' for motorists.

Highways Agency project manager David Cooke said work on the scheme was already 'progressing well'.

"We have carried out much of the necessary work within the hard shoulder and verges of the motorway," he said.

"We are now ready to install equipment on overhead gantries and to do this safely and quickly we need to close carriageways overnight."

Bosses say works are scheduled to take place between 10pm and 6am from Tuesdays to Thursdays, and on Fridays between 10pm and 8am.

At the weekend the closures will be in place on Saturdays from 10pm to 10am and on Sundays from 10pm to 5.30am. During October there will be a further 12 full closures.

Visit www.highways.gov.uk/roads/road-projects for full details on the scheme.

Shows line up at town arts centre

A SERIES of shows are being staged at Walsall's Forest Arts Centre, starting with Grease The Musical on Friday and Saturday.

The shows will be at 7pm and there is a 2pm matinee on Saturday.

Tickets are £8, or £6 for concessions.

The Senior Citizens Orchestra Concert will perform at the venue on September 4. Tickets, costing £1, are available on the door for the 2pm show.

The popular Black Country Show will also be staged on September 17 and will feature compere and comedian Doug Parker, along with vocalist Maggie O'Hara. She is a singer with experience of working in theatre, television and cabaret.

Keyboard player James Maddison will lead a chorus of traditional foot-tapping and sing-a-long tunes. Tickets cost £6 for the show at 1.30pm.

Walsall Operatic Society will perform Bite-Size Broadway at the Leamore venue on September 19 and September 20. Tickets cost £10, or £5 for under 16s.

The shows are at 7.30pm and there will be a 2.30pm Saturday matinee.

To book tickets call the box office on 0845 111 2898.

Amber funds joy over £43k

On the way to £65,000 Amber Porterfield, aged six, with her mother Sue Kemp

MORE than £43,000 has been raised in just five months as a community rallies behind an appeal to help a five-year-old undergo a life-changing operation.

Amber Porterfield, of Pelsall, has the condition spastic diplegic cerebral palsy and had uses a walking frame and a wheelchair.

With the help of Pelsall Village School where she attends, Amber's family launched an appeal to raise £60,000 for her to be treated at Cerebral Palsy Centre at the St Louis Children's Hospital, in Missouri, in July next year. If successful the surgery will help her to walk unaided. Events have been held across the Walsall area to keep the money pouring in.

Her mother Sue said: "We have been so surprised that people have been so generous. When we came up with the target of £65,000 we thought it would take at least 12 months.

"The fact we have got so far in such a short space of time is amazing and we are so grateful to everyone for their help."

Extra bays brought in to boost parking

EXTRA parking spaces have been created at a school to help ease congestion in surrounding streets as part of a £11,000 project.

Councillors worked with staff at Butts Primary, in Walsall, to attract grants from a housing service and an area partnership towards the scheme. The money was spent on creating spaces on land next to the school and installing a safety fence at the site at the corner of Butts Road and Teddesley Street.

Around £6,500, was provided by the school, £4,500 by the borough's area partnership and £1,000 from Walsall Housing Group (WHG) which has its headquarters near the primary school. St Matthew's ward representative Councillor Mohammed Arif said councillors had attended meetings with residents in the Butts area about parking concerns.

"The ward councillors have been working with WHG, the school and the residents. There have been issues with parking in the area. It's near the town centre and the roads are narrow. The council has already put some traffic management in place in recent years."

Woman found safe and well

A WOMAN who vanished from her home has returned safe and well, officers have confirmed.

A public appeal was made to help locate 58-year-old Leslie Squire from Walsall after she was reported missing by members of her family.

Walsall Police said Ms Squire, of Eldon Street, Chuckery, had returned home following the appeal on August 23.

West Midlands Police spokesman Billy Corrigan said: "She returned home. We checked everything and she's fine."

Garden event

A GARDEN in Great Wyrley will be opened to the public to raise cash for charity on Sunday. The site at 12 Darges Lane will generate money for the Royal Birmingham Society of Artists. The event from 11am to 4pm will feature singers and art demonstrations.

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Error sees kidney op incorrectly carried out

A HOSPITAL blunder saw doctors remove a patient's kidney by mistake, an investigation has revealed.

The patient at Walsall Manor Hospital should have received chemotherapy for ovarian cancer.

However a misdiagnosis led to her having a kidney removed as doctors incorrectly believed she had kidney cancer. She then suffered with bowel infections and damage for the final 20 months of her life. Chiefs at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust have paid out £4,000 to the patient's family and apologised for care given.

The woman, referred to as 'Mrs P', had suffered from ovarian cancer four years prior to the blunder.

She returned for blood tests, the results of which doctors thought were suggestive of kidney cancer, and doctors duly operated to remove a kidney. After the operation, tests showed that the cancer was actually recurrent ovarian cancer.

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman report criticised the trust for its care. Mr Amir Khan, medical director at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust said: "Following this case there was a full investigation and an action plan was submitted to the ombudsman."

999 charge for accused

A MAN has been charged with stealing an ambulance and assaulting paramedics who were trying to help him. Simon Lewis was arrested after police received a report that a man was acting violently towards an ambulance crew who had been called out to a flat in Bloxwich High Street.

The unemployed 37-year-old is alleged to have assaulted two ambulance staff before driving off in the emergency vehicle.

He has been bailed to appear before Walsall and Aldridge Magistrates Court on September 9.

Gotham walk

THE Walsall group of the ramblers will be heading to Gotham, near Nottingham, for a 10 mile walk on Sunday. It will be a moderate walk on moorland and through woods. Non members are welcome and can contact the walk leaders on 0121 353 9360.

Jail sentence on film pirate is welcomed

Illegal copy – Philip Danks

FILM industry and copyright chiefs have welcomed the jail sentence handed to a man who cost Universal Pictures an estimated £2.3 million by being the first person in the world to illegally copy the blockbuster Fast & Furious 6.

Philip Danks, aged 25, was given a two-year and nine-month jail sentence at Wolverhampton Crown Court after he secretly took a video of the movie at the Showcase Cinema in Walsall on May 17 last year – the day it was exclusively released in the UK. The Federation Against Copyright Theft helped police track town Danks.

FACT director general Kieron Sharp, said: "Thousands of people are employed making some of the world's most famous and popular films. Their livelihoods are at risk if a film is unable to create the profits needed to fund future films.

"This is an important case and an important sentence. Danks was responsible for recording, uploading and distributing the film and was unconcerned at the time about the consequences of his actions, perhaps believing the internet gave him anonymity. We at FACT have shown that we will find and identify people committing criminal offences and ensure that they are properly dealt with through the courts".

Danks, of Livingstone Road, Bloxwich, uploaded the film onto the internet via his personal website Bit Buddy the following day after converting the pirated camcorder version into a digital copy. That copy – which carried his telltale 'tag' Thecod3r – was then downloaded free of charge by around 779,000 people in the next four weeks.

Chris Marcich, from the Motion Picture Association of America, said: "Online copyright infringement represents a significant threat to the continued success of the UK's creative industries."

Five days after the recording was made Dudley-born Danks was arrested. Wolverhampton Crown Court heard that despite his arrest Danks continued to copy, sell and distribute illegal copies of films.The 25-year-old admitted three charges of distributing pirate copies of films.

Borough students jump for joy at GCSEs success

Report by Craig Hughes

STUDENTS across Walsall have been celebrating their GCSE results as it emerged the number of C grades or higher awarded nationally has risen for the first time in three years.

Many schools in the area have reported improved results although headteachers across the country have also reported large swings in English and Maths results said to be down to recent educational reforms.

There has been a sharp drop in English grades across the country, with 61.7 per cent of entries scoring A*-C, down 1.9 percentage points from last summer. This is believed to be the biggest fall in the qualification's history.

Maths saw an opposite result, with 62.4 per cent of entries gaining an A*-C grade, up 4.8 percentage points on 2013.

It comes after changes which have seen speaking and listening removed from final English grades, less course work and a switch by some students to take International GCSEs (IGCSE) in some subjects. Another reform has seen only a teenager's first attempt at an exam count in school league tables.

Scored

There were record results for some schools across Walsall when pupils picked up their eagerly-awaited grades.

At Queen Mary's Grammar School more than 72 per cent of pupils gained all results at A* or A – a new record. Nine pupils scored at least 10A* grades. "Our pupils are bright and we expect them to do well," said headteacher, Tim Swain. "They knew they had a mountain to climb, but everyone has pulled together to help them rise to the challenge. It is great to see young men enjoying learning and achieving nationally outstanding success."

St Thomas More Catholic in Willenhall were also celebrating record results in the key subjects of English and maths.

The benchmark figure of 57 per cent of students achieving five A* to C grades including English and maths was the same as last year. But English results bucked the national trend with 74 per cent at A* to C up from 70 per cent last year and maths at 66 up from 63.

Top from left, Bethany Cross, Lauren Powell, and Adam Powell

Sam Parkes, Mya Athwall, Chris Jones, Nicola Jones, Alexander Pierce

Jodie Icke, Chris Lovett, Jasdeep Dhillon, Charlie and Ellie Taylor

Headteacher Peter Mayland said: "It has been a challenging 12 months with so many last minute changes to examinations, including the changing of the rules for English GCSE."

High achiever Samantha Millington, aged 16, who got A*s in maths, science and design technology said: "I had to do a lot of a revision and put in a lot of hard work. I'm really happy about my results. I'm going to be studying art, maths, physics and graphics with 3D materials at A-Level. My dream is to go on to university and eventually become an architect."

Results at Aldridge School saw record numbers in the top A* and A grades this year – with 12 students getting ten or more. It had its best ever results in science with 63 per cent of students achieving an A* or A grade. Overall more than 70 per cent achieved A* to C. Headteacher David Mountney said: "The GCSE results show great success in the top grades especially in science."

Brownhills School saw the number of pupils with A* or A increase. Among the top performers were 16 year-old cousins' Lauren and Adam Powell along with Bethany Cross. Lauren got three A* grades, seven A's, a B and distinction in ICT. Adam got an A* three B's and two C's among his grades with Bethany getting four A's, five B's and a C and distinctions in ICT and PE. Headteacher Helen Keenan said: "Our A*s and As went up which is brilliant. But we were disappointed with the Government changing all the rules half way through the school year." At Hydesville Tower in Walsall more than 60 per cent of the grades achieved by pupils was A*, A or B. Overall, 91 per cent achieved five or more A* to C grades. Headteacher Andrew McGinnes said: "I am pleased so many have achieved beyond expectations as a result of our small classes." Shire Oak Academy in Walsall Wood saw a total of 69 per cent of teenagers got the five or more grades including English and maths. Prinicipal Gary Crowther said: "Students have maintained their pleasing levels of performance and, as always, we are proud of their achievements."

At Joseph Leckie Academy in Delves the number of pupils who got five A* to C was 94.3 per cent. And Staff at Grace Academy Darlaston were celebrating an increase with 40 per cent of students getting A* to C grades at GCSE.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Walk due to help dementia cause

STAFF at a care home which supports people with dementia are taking part in a fundraising walk.

Six workers from Crossways Residential Home in Highgate Road, Walsall, will do the Cannock Chase Memory Walk on September 14. It is one of the main fundraising events for the Alzheimer's Society and last year raised more than £36,000.

Manager Paul Wehrle-Fellows said: "It is so important people understand more about dementia." For details visit www.memorywalk.org.uk/cannockchase

Body found to be missing woman

A BODY found in a field was that of a missing woman, police have confirmed.

The discovery was made on July 22 on farmland off Meerash Lane in Burntwood. Police have said the coroner is satisfied that the body is that of Amanda Hawkins, aged 44, of Walsall.

She went missing from her assisted accommodation complex on Sutton Road, Moxley, on May 30.

Police embarked on a large-scale search for Miss Hawkins.

Bowls club in members search

BLOXWICH Crown Green Bowling Club are looking for experienced players to join them for the 2015 season.

With around 40 members the club has teams in the Lichfield, Cannock, Walsall and Darlaston leagues. It is located adjacent to Asda on Bloxwich High Street.

Interested players are asked to contacted the club secretary on 01922 685569.

Restaurant in jobs boost hope

A RESTAURANT which was opened in place of a former sub-station has submitted plans to expand, creating new jobs.

Lloyds Cafe has put forward an application to take on space formerly occupied by a neighbouring garden centre in Park Lane, on the Darlaston and Wednesbury border. It would see the staff increase by four.

Migrants debate

IMMIGRATION will be the subject of a debate in Birmingham next month as part of a series nationwide. It is at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre in Broad Street on September 24 at 6pm.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

MORE sightings of unusual names of legal firms. In Sligo, Ireland, a reader discovered Argue & Phibbs.

THERE must be an election coming. Why else would the Government promise a new law to jail those who use non-violent "controlling behaviour" in relationships? It is a promise rich in good intentions and fine sound bites but almost impossible to turn into solid prosecutions. For starters, what about those cultures which regard a wife as the property of her husband? If you can't control your own property, what is British justice coming to? (And if you disagree with that you're insulting my culture).

FIVE miles out to sea in a tiny dinghy, a sailor was rescued by a lifeboat from Dorset a few days ago. He had no lifejacket and no lights and was equipped with nothing more than a bag of food, a US passport and a street map of Southampton. It turns out he was a Bulgarian but surely he has shown all the fearless (not to say brainless) maritime qualities required of any true Brit. I suggest we grant him immediate UK citizenship and full membership of the organisation which provides so much summertime employment for the lifeboat crews, the Birmingham Navy.

DAVID Cameron says every Government policy should pass a "family-friendly" test. So he's abolishing inheritance tax, then? Thought not.

SANDRA Howard, the 74-year-old model and wife of former Tory leader Michael, writes a joyous column about the photograph taken of Lauren Bacall when she was 85 trilling: "Every line on her proud, defiant face is a lesson in how to embrace growing old." No it isn't. Every line is a reminder how unkind old age can be to once-beautiful women. If Bacall or any other former beauty could be magically given the face she had at 35, I bet they'd go for it like a shot. Women celebrating wrinkles is like blokes celebrating an enlarged prostate.

NICHOLAS Parsons declares that he's fed up with scruffy open-necked shirts and says it's time to bring back the cravat. I do hope not. The only person you should trust less than a man wearing a bowtie is a man wearing a cravat.

THE mayor of Rome, Ignazio Marino, has accused our Foreign Office of exaggerating the danger of pickpockets in his city. He may have a point. In my limited experience, the official advice, coupled with dire warnings from tour guides, makes you so paranoid about pickpockets in Rome that you entirely overlook the individuals who will rob you blind, time and again. They are called head waiters.

MY eye was caught by a big, glossy feature on kiddy-carrying bikes. All have some sort of container for small children on the front of the bicycle, which strikes me as the most dangerous end. To some folk, these machines speak of economy and family togetherness. I keep thinking of human shields.

BEING a dab hand with computers and their little ways, I offered to help a friend of a certain age make her online claim for her state pension. Bear in mind, this application process is intended to be tackled by over-60s. First you have to choose a password. Then you wait two days for an activation code and security number. Then you have to input all those numbers and the code and complete a form which takes an average of 20 minutes. If you make one single mistake you have to ring the helpline the next day and try to put it right. Or you can avoid the internet altogether and do it all by phone, which I thoroughly recommend unless you want to drive yourself bonkers.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Toll operators help out charities

THE operators of the M6 Toll are donating £50,000 to charity. Acorns Children's Hospice, Guide Dogs (Sandwell and Walsall) and Troop Aid, Solihull have all been handed cheques for £10,000 from a single day's net toll revenue.

A further £20,000 will be allocated to support community projects over the next 12 months.

Midland Expressway Ltd held a Drive for Charity fundraising event and fun day at the motorway service area, operated by Roadchef, between junctions T6 and T7 at Norton Canes.

Customers could visit stalls and displays about the work of the three charities and there were goodies and balloons for children.

Each of the charities had collection buckets and customers donated a further £500 on the day. The three charities have been chosen by MEL's social committee.

Sarah Knox, Sandwell and Walsall community fundraiser for Guide Dogs said: "The £10,000 from MEL will enable us to provide mobility services for more blind and partially sighted people.

"As a thank you, MEL will have the opportunity to name one of our very special puppies and follow their training journey through our 'Name a Puppy' scheme."

Charlotte Anson, Acorns' new business development officer, said: "We rely on fundraising and donations to keep our services running so this kind of support is vital."

To register a charity for consideration, visit www.m6toll.co.uk or call 0870 850 6222.

Decision due on plan for hundreds of homes

A DECISION on whether a multi-million pound housing scheme to build hundreds of homes will get the final go-ahead is expected to be made in the next two months, housing chiefs have announced.

Walsall Housing Group, in partnership with Walsall Council, put forward plans to build around 400 new homes.

By Lisa O'Brien

They are due to be built in the Goscote area, Blakenall, and the scheme was resubmitted last year after amending their initial proposals following more than 800 objections.

Bosses at Walsall Housing Group said they were now expecting a decision in the next two months.

Blakenall Councillor Pete Smith said it will bring forward promised regeneration to a site that has been derelict for many years. Initial plans put forward involved building around 700 homes in the area but the revised proposals avoid building on the green belt, known as the Lea, following protest.

The sites earmarked for redevelopment are around Shakespeare Crescent, Keats Road and Well Lane.

There would be a mixture of houses and apartments and half of them would be affordable homes. They would be a mixture of two, three and four-bedroom properties.

The housing association has been given a funding boost towards the regeneration of Walsall after getting more than £8m investment as part of the Government's Black Country Growth Deal, through the Local Enterprise Partnership.

Funding has also come from the Homes and Communities Agency.

Mark Tranter, head of development at Walsall Housing Group, said: "With the news of the Homes and Communities and LEP funding, this month has been a major milestone in the project.

"We expect to hear in the next two months the outcome of the planning process on our submitted detailed plans and will keep residents informed of that decision."

Demolition of around 280 properties on the old Goscote estate started in 2007, although a defiant householder refused to budge until a suitable compensation package was agreed and remained until 2011.

Boxing night at club

A BOXING club is hosting an amateur contest on October 4. Merridale ABA Boxing Club, based in Merridale Street in Wolverhampton, will host their second live event of the year following from the success of their first in April, which helped raise funds for new equipment.

Boxers will be taking on others from around the country in an evening of entertainment at the Diamond Banqueting Suite on Skinner Street.

Tickets for the night are £10 or £25 for front row seats and a three course meal.

Phone 07518 634858 for more information.

Funds handed over to charity

Guide Dogs fundraiser, Sarah Knox, front, with staff and guide dog owner Paul Nicholls

FUNDRAISERS have helped collect thousands of pounds in aid of a good cause. A cheque for more than £5,000 has been presented to Guide Dogs UK. The money was raised by staff and shoppers at Sainsbury's in Reedswood Way, Walsall.

The store has been raising much-needed funds for the charity over the past 12 months. Sarah Knox, a community fundraiser for Guide Dogs UK, said: "We are grateful to all the staff and customers of Sainsbury's in Walsall for their enthusiastic support and this much-appreciated cheque." Staff at the store have been told they can now name a guide dog puppy. Once the puppy is born they will receive a birth certificate and photograph and the pup will visit the store.

The cheque for £5,336 was handed over to representatives from the charity recently.

Guide Dogs UK is a world-leader in the breeding and training of guide dogs. There are currently around 4,600 working guide dogs in the UK.

Drug user stamped on woman in attack

A TERRIFIED woman was forced to barricade herself in a room at her own home after being viciously attacked by her boyfriend who was high on cocaine, a court heard.

Lee Russon punched his partner in the face and repeatedly stamped on her, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told.

Mr Mark Rees, prosecuting, said: "She curled up into a ball to protect herself but he continued to stamp on her before walking off. This gave her the chance to move the settee across the doorand phone the police."

Russon, aged 30, was arrested at the Willenhall address of the victim – with whom he had been living for five years – when officers arrived soon after being alerted at 3.50am on July 26. Russon had broken a wrist of the woman by violently pushing her to the floor after returning to their home drunk two months earlier, it was said.

Mr Michael Trevelyan defending, said: "These eventswere the result of his drug and alcohol abuse."

Russon, previously of Cumberland Road, admitted assault and causing grievous bodily harm and was jailed for 12 months by Recorder Geoffrey Kelly.

KFC looking for a return

A FAST food restaurant is looking to return to Walsall town centre bringing up to 30 jobs, under new plans.

KFC is looking to open within an empty unit on the main Park Street, in the latest regeneration boost to the town. It previously had an outlet in Bridge Street but was closed down more than five years ago.

The scheme is would create 20 full-time positions, and some part-time posts.

The application will be considered by the planning committee or officers under delegated powers in the coming months.

Hockey help

CANNOCK Hockey Club is hosting a coaching camp for youngsters today, Thursday. The camp, taking place between 9.30am and 3.30pm, aims to nurture skills and techniques of the kids in a safe and fun environment. Call 07838 860274 for more details.

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Talented teachers sought by chiefs

TALENTED teachers with a background in construction and engineering are being encouraged to attend a recruitment evening at Walsall College.

A staff recruitment evening will be held on September 3 for skilled tradesmen and women at the Green Lane campus from 5-7pm. Hourly-paid lecturers are being recruited at the college, which currently employs around 650 staff across its two main campuses.

The evening will give people the opportunity to talk to existing lecturers and find out more about the positions available.

Neil Sambrook, head of curriculum cluster for construction, engineering and science, said: "This is a fantastic opportunity for people to be involved in the ongoing success of Walsall College. We are looking for the next generation of teachers who have a genuine desire to pass on their skills and experiences learned in industry."

In March last year the college became the first further education establishment in the country to be graded outstanding. For details call 01922 657047 or email humanresources@walsallcollege.ac.uk

GP services petition bid

MORE than 100 people have now joined an online campaign for weekend GP services at Pelsall Village Centre. At least 120 names have added their support to the petition.

It is calling on the NHS Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group to ensure weekend access to GP and other hospital outreach services, and explore the viability of locating dentistry services at Pelsall's Village Centre.

People can view the online petition through the www.change.org/en-GB/petitions/dr-amrik-gill page.

Coffee morning

A COFFEE morning, complete with stalls and bric-a-brac, takes place on Saturday at All Saints Parish Church, Foley Road East,in Streetly. The event takes place from 10am to 12pm and it is hoped will raise money for the church's mother's union.

Start date set for work on Manor west wing

WORK on a long-awaited new multi-million pound critical care unit at Walsall Manor Hospital will begin in December, health chiefs have confirmed.

Construction of the planned West Wing unit will take 70 weeks to complete meaning it should be finished in spring 2016.

The £8.3 million facility will have 18 beds and is combining the high dependency and intensive therapy departments.

It was agreed to make it bigger than first expected by health chiefs earlier this year to cope with increasing patient numbers from Staffordshire.

This was at a cost of more than £2m extra.

Health bosses have said the new unit will be an asset to the hospital and the patients at Walsall Manor.

Colin Plant, divisional director for estates and facilities at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust said: "Planned works on our Integrated Critical Care Unit are due to start in December this year and will continue for 70 weeks with our new unit set to open in spring 2016.

"This development is an exciting one for the trust and will mean that our High Dependency Unit and our Intensive Care Unit are integrated, so that patients who are critically ill or who are more highly dependent will be treated in the same place, at the same time, enabling a smooth step up or down transition where necessary.

"The unit will be an asset to the trust and will mean that we can go even further in ensuring we provide patients with the best possible care." Walsall Manor currently has capacity for 13 beds within the two existing units.

The initial intention of the new facility, which has received the go-ahead from the Trust Development Authority, is to run at 16 beds. But it is anticipated there will be more patients using the hospital following the downgrading of Stafford Hospital, meaning the need to create extra capacity for the long-term.

Jail for jilted lover who set fire to woman's home

A JILTED lover who set fire to his girlfriend's house after she ended their relationship and asked him to move out has been jailed for 32 months.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told that Nicholas Wilcox set fire to a bedroom at Emma Beck's house in Beeches Road, Leamore, Walsall, while she was out at a christening.

The court heard that the ordeal had left Miss Beck afraid to return to her home, and she also sought the help of her GP. Her three children, who were not at the house when Wilcox started the fire, had also been left traumatised. Wilcox, aged 37, of Parker Street, Bloxwich, admitted arson being reckless as to whether life was endangered.

Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said Wilcox had been in a short relationship with Miss Beck and was living at her house. On May 4 this year she told Wilcox she wanted to end the relationship, and wanted him to move out that day.

He added that Wilcox consumed a large amount of alcohol and sent her a number of text messages which were 'a little emotional'. Mr Lees said a neighbour had noticed Wilcox entering the property at around 2pm, and shortly after noticed smoke coming out of a bedroom window. Wilcox, who was clearly in a drunken state, let the neighbour in.

Wilcox initially claimed he had started the fire by accident after lighting a candle, but a firefighter's report said the mattress had been set alight and aided with an accelerant. He added that Wilcox was subject to an eight-week suspended sentence for a drink-related offence at the time of the fire.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, said his client had been in custody since the time of the offence.

Cannabis grower had £11k debts

A CASH-strapped mother-of-two's bid to get out of debt by growing cannabis has ended in the dock at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Police found 12 plants being cultivated under two tents and a hydroponic system when they called at the home of 28-year-old Aimee Benton on an unrelated matter on June 15, a judge heard yesterday. The drug farm could have produced a £8,000 crop, said Mr Paul Spratt, prosecuting.

Benton from Margram Crescent, Bloxwich, told police that she was £11,000 in debt and had been told by an unidentified man how to harvest the cannabis when the plants reached maturity, continued the prosecutor.

Mr Ekwall Tiwana, defending, explained: "She had borrowed money from a loan shark with the debt quickly doubling. It has now quadrupled and she owes a considerable amount of money." Benton admitted producing cannabis and was given a four-month jail term suspended under supervision for 18 months by Judge Michael Challinor who said: "The operation was not large but relatively sophisticated."

Pride of place for musical medley

X Factor's Diva Fever – Joseph Al-Smati and Craig Sag-

Rachael Roberts from Stoke, who sang as Shirley

S Club's Jo O'Meara and X Factor duo Diva Fever were among the acts entertaining the crowds at this year's Walsall Pride.

More than 2,000 people enjoyed a day of live music and entertainment at the town's third annual celebration, organised by the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Jo O'Meara performed a selection of S Club's pop hits from the 1990s, while a string of tribute acts to Lady Gaga, Paloma Faith, Amy Winehouse and Cher also took to the stage in Gallery Square.

An Abba tribute band also performed – with Walsall Pride chairman Lee Hurst declaring: "No pride is complete without dancing queens."

Pleased with the success of the free event and already planning for 2015, Mr Hurst added: "This is the biggest by far. We have been running for three years and this is the biggest attendance we have seen with more than 2,000 people here to enjoy a community day."

Former S Club 7 star Jo O'Meara performs live on stage at Walsall Pride

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jamey appeal tops £2k mark

A CHARITY appeal in memory of a hit-and-run victim from Brownhills has reached the £2,000 mark.

Jamey Coleman, aged 24, was knocked down on the A5 Watling Street in Brownhills in March while on his way back from the nearby White Horse Pub. His sister Simone Coleman has launched the campaign with her parents, Gary and Tracey, in aid of brain injury charity Headway. The total has now reached £2,003 – with £800 flooding in over the last month.

No one has been arrested in connection with his death.

Banks set for Banks's event

FORMER England World Cup hero Gordon Banks will be at Banks's Stadium for a fundraising evening this autumn.

The keeper who helped England win the 1966 World Cup will speak at the event at The Saddlers Club, on October 8. Tickets are £20 including food with a 7pm start. Profits from the evening will go the Alzheimer's Society.

It has been organised by the Walsall Football Supporter's Trust. Email walsall1888@aol.com.

Taxi in collision with motorbike

A MOTORCYCLIST suffered leg injuries after being involved in a crash with a taxi in Walsall.

Emergency services were called to the junction of Bloxwich Lane and Crompton Close on the Beechdale Estate shortly after 5pm on Saturday.

The rider, thought to be in his 30s, was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital by land ambulance for treatment.

Resurfacing to see road closed

A ROAD closure will be in place during carriageway resurfacing works being carried out next month.

It takes place along Bull Street, between the junctions of Walsall Road and Victoria Road, Darlaston.

The project, being undertaken on behalf of Walsall Council, will be carried out from September 2 to 6 from 8am to 5pm.

Bedsits scheme

A FORMER Job Centre in Darlaston town centre will get a new lease of life as accommodation after plans were given the nod. Walsall council backed plans to turn the empty Pinfold Street site into 15 bedsits.

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We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house as clean as a whistle. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.'

Cloudy2Clear service Wolverhampton and the surrounding area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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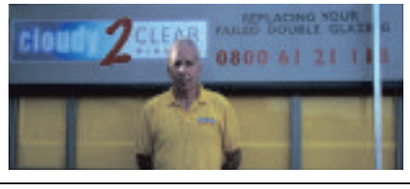

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews

YES, celebrity biopics seem to be all the rage at the moment. And ITV's tribute to the late Tommy Cooper was one of the most poignant and moving things on television this year. But the Cilla Black story? Really, really, isn't that just stretching things a little bit too far?

As far as I'm concerned, the Cilla Black story essentially boils down to this: made a noise like a strangled cat for a few years, then went on to spend the 1980s presenting two of the most dreadful, cringe-making programmes ever to appear on our television screens.

If that's what they call 'original, quality drama', then I must be Twiggy.

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INCIDENTALLY, Cilla says she knows Sir Cliff Richard is innocent of an allegation of sex abuse, because she 'has known him for a million years.'

Well. I knew they were both knocking on a bit, but I have to say that came as a little bit of a surprise.

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THE NHS, provider of free medical care from cradle to grave. Unless it's dentistry, it seems. During my last visit to an NHS dentist, I was told that I needed a crown. And that it would cost £290.

How much? When they said the NHS was 'free at the point of delivery', I though they meant free of charge. Not three-hundred quid.

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TRYING to drum up support for the by-election for the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner last week, a leaflet came through the door bearing the words: "The criminals of the West Midlands will be hoping you stay at home on August 21."

Yes, it's a lovely sentiment, democracy, power to the people and all that. But cynical Black Country man that I am, I can't help but thinking that many of the criminals of the West Midlands were hoping that people would go out and vote on Thursday. So they could burgle their homes while they were out.

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WHAT would you say is the biggest problem gripping Europe at the moment? The crisis in the Ukraine? Or what about the barbaric activities in Iraq and Syria?

Nah, the European Union has immediately grasped the number one threat facing us all. From September 1, there will be a ban on the manufacture or importation of all vacuum cleaners with motors more powerful than 1,600 watts.

Apparently, it is about saving the environment. Although I doubt it will do much for the environment of the houses which are now being forced to use puny vacuum cleaners.

Still, those Eurocrats, they know what they're talking about. Wouldn't want their maids getting ideas above their station, would they?

Clive next to Prince Harry, with fellow Invictus athletes

Clive on duty before the explosion

Cliv was the face of the 2012 Poppy Appeal

Helmand hero on his bike for Britain

MARK ANDREWS reports on a soldier who lost both his legs and has become one of Harry's heroes

CLIVE Smith was lying on the ground amid a thick cloud of dust after a roadside bomb had exploded in Afghanistan's Helmand Province.

"I tried to get up, and kept falling over again, and I thought 'this is a bit weird'," he recalls.

But he quickly discovered why he couldn't get up – the explosion had taken away both his legs.

"I didn't feel it at the time," says the soldier, who had just been promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal.

"I was looking around to see who was injured, it was another three or four minutes before I realised it was me."

That was in October 16, 2010. Now, almost four years on, the 28-year-old was welcomed by Prince Harry as one of the 130 British representatives at the launch of his inaugural Invictus Games, an international sporting event for wounded, injured and sick service personnel.

Clive Smith in training for his cycling event at the Invictus games

Training

Clive, from Rugeley Road, Hednesford, will represent Britain at cycling in the games at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London from September 10 to 14. In all, more than 400 competitors from 14 nations will take part .

Clive, who has been training three days a week after securing a place in the England cycling time trials squad, says it was a privilege to meet the Prince.

He says: "The games are Harry's baby and it was really nice to meet him and speak to him about my training.

"He asked each of the 130 squad members how they were getting on and joked with us all which was nice. My training is going really well and I am going out on the bike three to four times a week."

Clive, who was serving with 33 Engineer Regiment when he was injured in the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand, said the Help For Heroes and Royal British Legion charities played a huge role in helping him find rehabilitation through sport.

During April 2012 he spent a week involved in adaptive sports and adventure training at the Battle Back Centre, Lilleshall for the recovery of wounded service personnel.

"I tried a bit of everything, wheelchair basketball, rock climbing, bowling, but it was cycling where I really found my niche." The training for the Invictus Games is tough, but Clive is quietly confident he will be able to give his best when the games begin.

"The most I've done in one session is 70 miles so I think I will be fine when it comes to the games," he says.

"Being at the launch was fantastic and it was great to be back in the company of some of the guys who I met in rehab. I am really looking forward to it."

When Prince Harry launched the games he congratulated those who had made the British team saying, "These men and women have achieved so much already but being selected for this team is another significant milestone in their life beyond injury."

He said the games were not just for those taking part, but for the 'wider family' and added that the team would not just be competing for themselves but for their 'mates'.

Lance-Corporal Smith was leading his men on a routine foot patrol when he suffered his injuries.

He walked in front of the patrol, sweeping the ground with his Vallon detecting machine in a bid to locate roadside bombs.

It later emerged that the device had been cunningly made with a low metal content, reducing the chance of detection.

Disregarding their own safety, his comrades dashed to give him medical treatment, applying tourniquets to his damaged legs to stop the bleeding.

Battlefield

"They saved my life," he says. "If they hadn't done what they did, I wouldn't be here."

The soldier was evacuated from the battlefield, treated at the British field hospital at Camp Bastion, before being flown back to Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital, which has its own special military wing.

Five weeks later, Clive was beginning the gruelling recovery process which now enables him to walk on two artificial legs.

He was chosen as the face of the 2012 Poppy Appeal, and earlier this year Cannock Chase District Council named a road after him.

In November last year, the keen Wolves fan also achieved his lifelong dream of walking out onto the pitch at Molineux, before the League One game against Stevenage.

And, despite his life-changing injuries, Clive says he has no regrets about his chosen career in the forces.

"I have had 10 wonderful years, and I wouldn't have changed it at all," he said.

WEEK IN POLITICS

with Daniel Wainwright

IT was disheartening to see the war of words between Tory MP Chris Kelly and Labour councillor Pete Lowe over the Black Country flag.

Mr Kelly reckons organisers of the hugely-successful Black Country Festival should have sourced them locally, or at least in the UK, rather than from Taiwan. Councillor Lowe, standing as Parliamentary candidate in Stourbridge next year, makes the valid point that there was not a lot of time to get so many flags and that we happened to see them flown all over the world in the run-up to and after the festival.

But then he slightly spoils it by saying: "Why a millionaire Tory would want to try and pick fault with the best community-led festival in years is beyond me."

That's a bit of a cheap shot. An MP is entitled to his opinion whether he's wealthy or not. And it is nothing to do with which political party he's from either. Labour MPs such as Warley's John Spellar have championed producing things in Britain too.

I don't agree with Mr Kelly's point, although I can see where he's coming from. After all, when we're flying the flag for an area that's proud of making things, it's ironic that it carries a label saying it's made in Taiwan.

However, he is probably nit-picking unnecessarily when you consider just how good the festival was and what it's done for pride in where we're from and what we've achieved.

But one of the best things about it was how it was a real community effortbacked by councillors of all parties in all boroughs,This was an event all about celebrating our common ground. What a shame it's been used as a political football.

One thing I'd like to see the new police and crime commissioner for the West Midlands David Jamieson to do is lobby the Home Office for a change in the legislation on what happens when a 'vacancy' occurs.

I use the quote marks because that's a rather clinical and unfeeling way of describing the death of an incumbent. Bob Jones had only passed away a few hours before councillors were forced to discuss the process for a by-election owing to a rule within the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act that required it be held within 35 days.

That left us in the situation of people going to the polls in August when a lot of people are away. Those who were around to vote weren't interested in doing so. A little more time to plan the election, spread the word, hold public meetings and explain what the role is even for might have made a difference.

As it stands the Government will be able to shrug off the poor turnout as being the time of year, rather than a sign that, two years on people still don't really know what the PCC role is all about.

No hope despite change at the top

WITH the change in the numbers of the political make-up of Walsall Council, Councillor Sean Coughlan has now become leader. But are matters going to change?

The Ofsted report to the director of children's services, is positively damning of the strategy of the council not being realised. The plans not being fit for purpose. Inconsistent weak leadership in the schools. With no clear plan to improve the leadership and governance for the schools.

Councillor Arif, former portfolio holder, talked about ensuring the schools will be better by 2016, just as though too many poor performing schools are something new. Despite John Prescott's reading the riot act to all the councillors back in 2000, with then many of Walsall's schools failing Ofsted's reports for previous decades.

It has to be blatantly clear to all that time and time again the problem has to be selection/election of the wrong people for the role of councillors.

Appointment of the wrong people selecting those to run many schools, leading to teaching staff unsuited, despite their certification or degrees, to work with children. Now the problem has become endemic, bedded deep in the culture.

Even should the suitable school teaching staff be found, realising those with the necessary talents are not standing around waiting for positions. I have to guess our present children will have to become parents themselves. Able enough to be of aid to their children before real change is seen.

Two years? I doubt it, more like thirty.

RAY HAMMOND,
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Action on schools is required

NEW ways of working are urgently needed to hold councillors, staff and schools to account for the consequences of their interventions or non-interventions and failure to deliver anything other than a service that has been described as 'ineffective'.

What happens when services go wrong? Work, projects undertaken by Walsall Council may not deliberately seek to do harm, nonetheless harm too often occurs to the reputation of local schools and Walsall's education.

Reading the latest Ofsted report into the School Improvement Service which uses phrases such as 'not fit for purpose' we can discern that there is a huge deficit in responsibility and delivery by too many councillors, staff and schools. Pupils and parents deserve better.

Pupils' lives are affected often with serious consequences.

CLLR D JAMES
Walsall

Israel's attacks not unprovoked

RE: The Kytes' letter on Gaza recently, I agree and share their sadness over the deaths and injuries suffered by the children. However, they conveniently ignore the cause of this suffering. The people of Gaza voted in Hamas, almost 100 per cent, mainly on the promise that they would destroy Israel and put all the Jews to the sword.

Hamas, since taking power, have been firing rockets into Israel causing death and destruction, while the world leaders have chosen to ignore their actions. To stop these unprovoked attacks, the Israeli army set out to destroy their rockets, rocket launchers, etc, also the tunnels, which penetrate into Israel.

If Hamas used the billions of pounds in improving the quality of life in Gaza instead of buying weapons they would be applauded. However, there will never be peace as long as they continue with their promise to destroy Israel.

To describe Israel as barbaric, the Kytes should not ignore the barbaric deeds of the Islamic State in Iraq. There Sunni Muslims are beheading, crucifying, raping women and killing infants and children of the Christians, Yazidis and other ethnic minorities. I condemn The Islamic State for their barbaric actions but Muslim countries' leaders have proved their silence to be deafening.

R SAUNDERS, Sanstone Close, Walsall

Poignant evening to remember

IN Darlaston on August 4 outside Darlaston Town Hall we held a commemoration of the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War.

It was a very moving and memorable evening. I would like to say thanks to our community of Darlaston who turned out to support the evening; Jeffery Johnson who organised the evening and with his colleagues were the bugle players for the evening, the choirs of St Lawrence and All Saints churches and the Reverend Liz Jones who led the prayers.

Also the 240 Squadron ATC who were a credit to the squadron on parade and organised the sound effects and music, the police, the Town Hall staff, John Sutton of Darlaston History Society and the readers of the evening.

Bill Madeley MBE
President of Walsall and District Branch, British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association

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Justin's a B-el-ieber in Brandon

IT'S not every day global pop phenomenon Justin Bieber tells you he likes the sound of your voice but that is exactly what happened to Brandon Duffus.

The 16-year-old rapper of Dau End Lane in Rushall, Walsall, met the superstar at the BET Awards in Los Angeles. His father Mark Anthony is a record producer and has worked with artists including American singer Joyce Sims and UK singer Glen Goldsmith.

When he attended the BET Awards in Los Angeles he took Brandon along with him to rub shoulders with the stars. The Aldridge High School pupil said the pop star told him that he liked his style.

He said: "I have wanted to be a rapper since I was really young after seeing my father working in his studio.

"It was really great to attend the awards ceremony and I made a lot of contacts. Justin Bieber spoke to me and gave me some advice and told me to just be myself.

"He said he liked my style and he had listened to one of my tracks which he really enjoyed."

And he went on to add: "It's a huge compliment to be told that by someone who is so big in the industry and one day I would love to have his success."

Brandon is signed to his father's label, Digital Jukebox Records, and he is currently recording his first single which he hopes to release later this year. He said music has distracted him from his upcoming GCSE results:

Pop hopeful Brandon with Justin Bieber at the recent BET Awards

"The song is great but I am keeping it under wraps for now.

"I want to do A-Levels in business, ICT and media studies in September because I think those subjects will help me with my music career."

Last month Brandon performed at the Wireless Festival at Perry Park in Birmingham and in December he will represent Walsall in the Star Youth Talent dance competition against dance competitors around the region.

Care views to be collated

RESPONSES to a consultation surrounding the future of emergency care in Walsall will now be reviewed ahead of a decision being made in September.

Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group held a public consultation which ended last Thursday.

The current Walsall Walk-in Health Centre in Market Square is expected to close next April during town centre regeneration work.

The three options for people to consider as part of the consultation are moving to another site in the town centre, relocating to the north of Walsall or merging it with the existing Emergency and Urgent Care Walk-in Centre which is based at the Manor Hospital.

The consultation also asked for views on the long term plans for the future of the urgent and emergency care system over the next three to five years.

Bosses from the CCG said they needed to plan for the future so that they can build an urgent and emergency care system that was a true reflection of the needs of people using services in the borough.

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Good clean pun as shops trading on clever names

JUST for the pun of it, shop owners are coming up with some of the cleverest names to see off competition from supermarkets.

And these businesses, dotted across the West Midlands are some of the best that we have found when it comes to playing with the English language.

Take, for example, Great Barr greengrocer Melon Cauli. The shop in Hamstead Road has been there for 12 years.

One of its staff, who did not want to give his name said: "People are always coming in and talking about it. It's been featured on the radio and on Graham Norton's TV show.

"Unfortunately it doesn't help deal with the likes of Tesco and Asda. That's just the way of the world." In some cases the names are second-hand.

Cafe Gluttons for Nourishment in Tettenhall picked its name after being inspired by a business with the same title. The business in Tettenhall Arcade opened three and a half years ago.

Beauty and the Beach, in The Straits

Melon Cauli, in Beacon Road, Pheasey

Chip-shape – Kent's Tuck Inn Fried Chicken, at the Arcade, Upper Gornal

Comment

Owner Sarah Hipkiss said: "I can't claim the credit for it. My sister in law used to work in London and there was a restaurant with the same name, but it had closed. People do comment on it, they have a bit of a laugh and it still gives us a giggle too."

One play on words once got the owner of a fast food restaurant into trouble.

Kent's Tuck In Fried Chicken has been on the same site in Kent Street, Upper Gornal, since 1999.

Six months after opening there was a demand from the American fast food giant Kentucky Fried Chicken to change it. Owner George Georgiou was adamant he would keep the name. He said at the time: "It is called Kent's because it is on Kent Street, and Tuck Inn because that's what you do at a restaurant.

"And we sell southern fried chicken so it has got absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with Kentucky Fried Chicken." There are also winning names such as the tanning salon in Sedgley called Beauty and the Beach.

And there is the Indian restaurant in Quarry Bank called Curry Bank.

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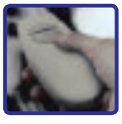

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Drunk man hit victim out cold in city centre

A DRUNK lorry driver 'danced around on his toes' like a boxer before knocking a man unconscious with a single punch, a court heard.

Freddie Halls sent his victim crashing to the ground with a devastating blow to the head in an unprovoked attack in Wolverhampton city centre. Wolverhampton Crown Court was told the 26-year-old father-of-two had been drinking heavily.

By Peter Madeley

Halls claimed to have no recollection of the incident during police interview. Mr David Lees, prosecuting, said Halls was walking along Lichfield Street when he approached a group which included his victim at around 2.15am on March 16.

"He walked towards the man and could clearly be seen dancing on his toes for a few moments before he administered the punch," he said. "He was preparing himself to strike." The court was told Halls had recently joined a boxing club.

The court heard Halls was arrested at the scene and admitted his guilt in a police interview after officers showed him CCTV footage of the incident. He told police that drinking alcohol changes his personality," added Mr Lees.

His victim had nine stitches to cuts on his lip and was off work for three months as a result of psychological harm he suffered as a result of the attack.

Mr Justin Jarmola, defending, said his client had abused alcohol from a young age. "He was significantly in drink at the time, but has abstained from alcohol since this offence. He is a family man with two young children. Any sentence of immediate custody would cause irreparable damage to his family."

Halls, of Queen Street, Walsall Wood, pleaded guilty to assault causing actual bodily harm. He was ordered to do 80 hours of unpaid work, pay £600 compensation and a £100 victim surcharge.

There's no hiding band's top talent

Front, drums, Daniel Cope; from left: guitars Richard Sehdeua and Elliott Clarke, singer, Alex Lenehan, bass Chris Hinton

THE only way is up for a Walsall punk band who managed to get through to the finals of a prestigious competition – and only just a year after forming. Hidden Skies came second in a battle of the bands competition in Staffordshire after fighting against 20 other local groups, they got through to the final round earlier this month.

The contest has been held at the Tamworth Assembly Rooms for the past 20 years. The venue is well-known for its musical performances, with both The Beatles and The Rolling Stones previously taking to the stage there. The band is made up of five members and bass player Chris Hinton, aged 25, from Shire Oak, said: "We only started in 2013 and are very proud to have come second."

The quality engineer for BMW added: "Our first EP is out next month called A Story Untold, and is available September 1." The rest of the band comprises drummer Daniel Cope, 25, lead guitarist Richard Sehdeva, 25, rhythm guitarist Elliot Clarke, 25 and singer Alex Lenehan, 26.

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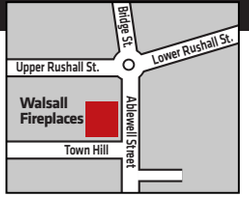

Flower power helps Gertrude mark 104th

'HARD work' – that's the secret to longevity according to Gertrude Talbot, who has celebrated her 104th birthday.

The great-grandmother has lived in Walsall all her life. Born in Darlaston, she spent 10 years working as a cook for a local vicar.

She also recalls working for a factory in Willenhall, where she made knick-knacks. "Belonging to a big family, we all had to work hard," she said. "That went for every family back then. It was wicked what happened to us. The Government didn't help. We never saw a ha'penny.

"I managed by taking in sewing and cooking. People today don't know what we had to endure."

She recalls her mother telling her and her sisters to fetch their Sunday best dresses to give to some poor children who called at the house wearing rags. Mrs Talbot says exercise is another key to her long life. "We didn't have a car, so I walked and walked and walked," she said. "I felt grand when I was walking."

Gertrude Talbot celebrates her 104th birthday at the Elms Care Home in Bilston

Woodbines

She met her husband William through her brothers and the pair were married when she was 28 at St Mary's Church, where the family regularly attended mass. Sadly, he died aged 42 from throat cancer and is buried at Bilston Cemetery.

"It was the Woodbines he smoked," Mrs Talbot said. "They were all young men could afford back then."

Mrs Talbot has a son, Peter, who is 72, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. "I adore my boy," she said.

Born into a large Catholic family, she had six sisters and three brothers. Mrs Talbot was the oldest but one. Sadly, she has only two sisters left alive, Ruby, who lives in Bilston, and Mary, who lives in Gloucester.

The birthday girl, remembers when electricity cables were being laid in Bilston, where her family moved to when she was a child. "It was grand to have electricity," she added. "I can't believe that there's anyone alive now who remembers that." Mrs Talbot said that she had enjoyed her birthday at the Elms Care Home in Bilston. "The flowers were lovely and I had so many birthday cards. I didn't know I had so many friends."

A fervent teetotaller and a non-smoker, Mrs Talbot also puts her longevity down to her healthy lifestyle.

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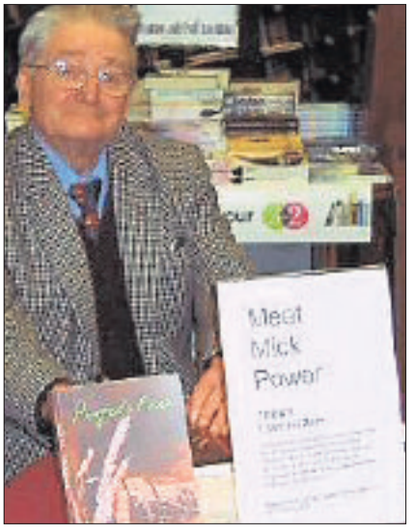

Mick Power, with his book Podger's Farm, who will be visiting Pheasey library with fellow author Ian Cassidy

TWO authors who have written about the Second World War will visit Pheasey Library later this year.

Mick Power and Ian Cassidy will be at Pheasey Library on October 2. Mr Power is well-known for his previously entertaining book, Podger's Farm.

The book reveals an interesting account of the author's childhood memories, his school days and families. His current book, It Puts Muscles On Your Eyebrows, also tells of his experiences in the regiment in the Second World War.

Mr Cassidy will be discussing his book, The Unsinkable Herr Goering, which is about Hermann Goering who was Hitler's right-hand man for much of the dictator's time as leader of the Third Reich in Germany.

They will be at the library between 10.30am and noon.

There will also be war poetry with a question and answer

Trio used pal's key to gain entry in burglary

THREE men made off with £2,000 and a wristwatch from the Walsall home of a friend in a 'mean and nasty' burglary, a court heard.

Brothers Satish and Sunil Chumber used a key their victim had accidentally left in their house to carry out the raid with another man, Adrian Lalley.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told the trio returned the key to its owner the following day – just hours after they had burgled his house.

Report by Peter Made-

Mr Justin Jarmola, prosecuting, said the victim, of Wolverhampton Road, Bentley, had been playing computer games at the Chumber brothers' house in Walsall on Christmas Eve in 2012.

"He was on his way home when he realised he didn't have his key with him," Mr Jarmola said. "He phoned Sunil Chumber who confirmed that the keys were at his house."

The court was told the raiders stopped off at a convenience store and bought rubber gloves prior to carrying out the burglary to 'cover their tracks'.

Miss Laura Hobson, defending Satish Chumber, said her client had made 'some very stupid decisions', but had shown a willingness to change his ways during seven months in prison on remand.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha QC, said Sunil Chumber had made the choice to 'go straight' since committing the offence. Defending Lalley, Mr Jasvir Mann, said: "We are two years down the road since the offence and he is determined to put this sort of offending behind him."

The court was told the men had since repaid the £2,000 they had stolen.

Judge Amjad Nawaz told the defendants: "This was a mean and nasty offence."

Satish Chumber, aged 21 and Sunil Chumber, 23, both of Slaney Road, Walsall and Lalley, 24, of Cottle Close, Bentley, Walsall, all pleaded guilty to burglary. They were each sentenced to 12 months in prison, suspended for 18 months and ordered to carry out 150 hours of unpaid work.

Satish Chumber also admitted perverting the course of justice, after the court heard he had phoned the victim on 'three or four occasions' to try and persuade him to withdraw his statement. He was sentenced to an additional three months in prison.

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Accord's executive director for regeneration, Alan Yates, said the speed of the project had surprised a lot of people.

He said: "It's incredible really that these two houses were built pretty much from scratch in the space of just a day. In the morning all we had were the concrete foundations and by the end of it we had two brand new three bedroom homes."

In the past three years Accord has built 150 off-site manufactured homes in Wolverhampton, Walsall and Sandwell.

Mr Yates continued: "It's the first time we've built two of these homes in the same day. There were no problems with the construction. Everything went smoothly. The houses are so easy to put together which is why they don't take long to build."

Construction of the two houses began at 8am and the finishing touches were being made just before 4pm.

The homes were manufactured in the Accord factory which is opposite the housing estate. They then left the factory as panels with insulation, double glazing windows and door frames already attached and were taken across the road on pallets carried by a fork lift truck.

Scaffolding was installed around the concrete foundations before the side panels were added to the structure. In total, 25 major components made up the two homes including timber side panels, flooring and a roof.Housing Minister Brandon Lewis spent the day with Accord on Tuesday – to see the two homes being built and to witness first hand the modern methods of housing construction. He visited two other Accord developments in Blakenall and Birchills.

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Call over Gershwin production

A MUSICAL theatre group is looking to recruit new members for its latest show.

Willenhall Musical Theatre Company is putting together a performance of Gershwin musical Crazy For You and needs to recruit around seven male performers. They are holding new member auditions on September 13 at St Andrews Church, Wolverhampton Road West.

Company producer Andy Poulton said: "A lot of musical theatre companies are low on figures at the minute but we really need a good group of men to join for this next performance.

"The show is predominantly male based and so we hope to see people turn up for these auditions."

The company will perform a five night residence at the Mill Theatre in Sedgley next April.

Flats scheme for pub site

A FORMER pub near Willenhall town centre is poised to be converted into flats, under new plans.

The old Acorn pub, in Walsall Road, closed down in 2012 due to a downturn in trade.

A planning application lodged with Walsall Council would see the ground floor of the building transformed into three, two bedroom flats.

The existing two-bedroom flat would be retained on the first floor.

FOCUS ON WILLENHALL

Expansion plan hopes for leading fruit farm

AN award-winning restaurant and farm shop could be in line for an expansion creating up to 10 new jobs if plans are given the go-ahead.

Essington Fruit Farm in Bognop Road, Essington, near Willenhall, has applied for planning permission to extend its restaurant and create a new visitor centre providing cookery demonstrations.

There would also be lessons held for visiting school parties as a result of the extra space.

Owner Mary Simkin said the extension would allow the restaurant hold demonstrations about the origins of food before serving up meals. "It is something people have been asking us to do for a long time," she said. "It will allow us to have an education room where people can learn about what goes into the food they eat, and about the preparation of food.

"At the moment we grow 30 different types of fruit and vegetables, and we have our own butchery on site. People have asked us if we can show them how we make our sausages, but at the moment health and safety legislation prevents that. However, if we had a special room, it is something we might be able to look at in future." Mrs Simkin said the expansion could create

By Mark Andrews

between five and 10 jobs if the scheme was given the go ahead.

The farm has been owned by the Simkin family since 1892, and the Country Kitchen restaurant won the 'best use of local produce' category at the Taste of Staffordshire Good Food Awards.

Mrs Simkin added: "We have a commitment to providing our produce as fresh as possible and as we grow our own produce it is often the case that fruit and vegetables are less than an hour old before they are sold in our farm shop .

"March 2007 saw the opening of our Butchery and Deli giving us an outlet for our own free range pork and beef and lamb from neighbouring farmers.

A planning application is being considered by South Staffordshire Council.

Daniel Duffield, aged 14, is creating a homemade haunted house for Halloween

Daniel in hopes of a haunting

A SCHOOLBOY with a passion for all things horror is spending his summer holidays planning how he will transform his home this Halloween and open it up to the public.

Pool Hayes High school pupil, Daniel Duffield , aged 14, has set himself a £200 budget to decorate his three-bed semi in Willenhall with cobwebs, pumpkins, strobe lighting and fog all in the name of charity.

Volunteers will dress up as characters such as Freddy Krueger, Michael Myers to scare anyone brave enough to enter for the 10-minute experience.

For the last few weeks Daniel, from Trinity Road in Short Heath has been researching haunted houses on the internet.

He said: "There are seven rooms and each one is going to have a different theme. I've been racking my brain trying to come up with ideas that will scare people."

Waste firm faces action by council

FRESH legal action is being taken against a waste firm after council chiefs said it was using two sites illegally. AB Waste in Darlaston, will be prosecuted by Walsall Council.

The authority first served enforcement notices on the firm in 2012 requiring operations to stop on two sites within a specified time.

But any further action against the firm, which has been blamed for dust settling on headstones at James Bridge Cemetery, was delayed after the notices were appealed.

The Planning Inspectorate visited the sites of the former Railway Tavern, in Kendricks Road, and the former Junction Works site, off Cemetery Road, last year and ruled in the council's favour dismissing the appeals. The authority says legal files were being finalised. The firm refused to comment.

Firm hiring apprentices

A LEADING motor industry firm has offered a helping hand to the young and unemployed across the West Midlands.

Used car supermarket Carcraft is taking on six apprentices at its showroom on Darlaston Road, Wednesbury, and will provide those selected with paid on-the-job training.

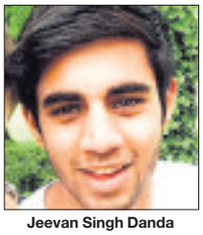
The apprenticeships will be split across finance, vehicle service and customer service. Carcraft already has over 20 apprentices.

Hockey teen tributes

Flowers in memory of Jeevan at Cannock Hockey Club

FLORAL tributes have been laid in memory of a keen teenage hockey player whose team have retired his shirt number after his death. Jeevan Singh Dhanda, aged 18, from Walsall, died almost a week after being found on rail tracks near Birmingham New Street earlier this month.

He was a member of Cannock Men's Hockey Club and people have been paying their respects. A book of condolence has been started and his number 55 shirt has been retired.



Jeevan Singh Danda

A statement from the club said: "Jeevan was a lifelong member of Cannock Men's Hockey Club and a very polite and intelligent young man. Notwithstanding his ability on a hockey field he is the sort of member who we, rightly, should be very proud of."

He was a pupil at Queen Mary's Grammar School in Walsall and was due to study economics at the University of Leeds in September. It is believed his family were told he had secured three A grades the day after his death. After the fall on on August 7, he was rushed to Queen Elizabeth Hospital but died some days later.

A second man, a 30 year-old from Birmingham who was also found injured after suffering injuries 'consistent with a fall' died last Monday.

Community hub scheme is given the green light

PLANS to transform an empty high street unit into a social centre, gift shop and food bank have been approved. The community hub will be run by St Thomas Church in Aldridge.

It will be based at the former Beautie hairdressers in Walsall Wood Road. The church runs a scheme on the Leighswood estate and now wants to run the St Thomas Project.

Walsall Council has approved the application under delegated powers. The development has been hailed as a boost for the area. Councillor Timothy Wilson said: "I do think it is a community asset that is needed and I'm backing it."

The project will generate funds through selling cards and craft items at a gift shop.

"There will be a food bank to provide parcels to people with valid Black Country Food Bank vouchers and social meeting group with a hot meal for young adults.

The base will provide counselling, a job club and pop-in and play social meeting setting. It will also have furniture, school uniform and clothing storage for re-distribution to those

By Adam Burling

in need. Plans have been submitted to the council through Karl Grace Design, on behalf of the church.

It states: "196H Walsall Wood Road was originally constructed in the 1950s-60s as part of a row of shops accessed via a service road and parking area, off the main road. Until recently the property was occupied by the beautician/beauty therapy business which due to the recent recession has ceased trading."

The project will propose to be open from 9am to 11pm Monday to Friday inclusive, and 9am-4pm on Saturdays, and closed on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

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Sorting coal at a pit on Cannock Chase, where miners were attracted from ailing

Jimmy Andrews cleans beams at Cannock Shotblasting

Pit pony Bob retired from Cannock Wood Colliery in 1969

Chase was gunner be the centre of country's armoury industry

MEMORY LANE

By Professor Carl Chinn

FOOTBALL club Arsenal took its name from the arms manufacturing plant in Woolwich, south east London.

Yet only years before its founding in 1883 it was seriously proposed that the large-scale production of arms be moved from the capital to Cannock Chase.

There were compelling arguments. Woolwich was vulnerable to enemy attack and invasion, the transportation of raw materials was expensive, wages were costly and there were very limited facilities for the trial of guns because of the dense population and the dampness of the locality.

By contrast, Cannock Chase seemed an outstanding location. It was an immense moor of 25,000 acres that was 100 miles inland and in the middle of England. As such it offered more security for a national arsenal.

The site was cheap, water was abundant, coal was below the ground and iron ore was nearby. Furthermore, railways and canals cut through the Chase at several points, and the South Staffordshire Line ran through its centre, thus easily connecting it to all parts of the kingdom.

And the villages that dotted the district could readily be expanded to provide housing for the mechanics and labourers who would work there.

The idea was never realised as the interests of Woolwich were too powerful and because Cannock Chase was transformed into one of the greatest mining centres in England.

Coal became king on the Chase. As new mines were sunk, the name of Cannock – taken from the Welsh cnwc or Old English cnocc, for hill or hillock – remained pre-eminent.

Most authorities assert that the high ground that led to this remarkable place name was Shoal Hill. But in his authoritative dictionary of the Place Names of Staffordshire, David Horovitz points out that such a high place cannot be a deemed as a hillock.

Instead he feels that Cannock is named after the slight hill of gravelly soil upon which the town was sited from at least the later Middle Ages.

Furnaces

Originally the inhabitants were part of the huge royal Forest of Cannock, which stretched from close to Stafford to near Walsall. It is believed this was as great as 24,000 acres at the time of the Domesday Book in 1086. Within it were a number of hays (enclosures) for the management of deer, among them Cheslyn Hay.

Coal was mined in a small way from as far back as 1298, while blast furnaces were in use on the Chase from the later 16th century.

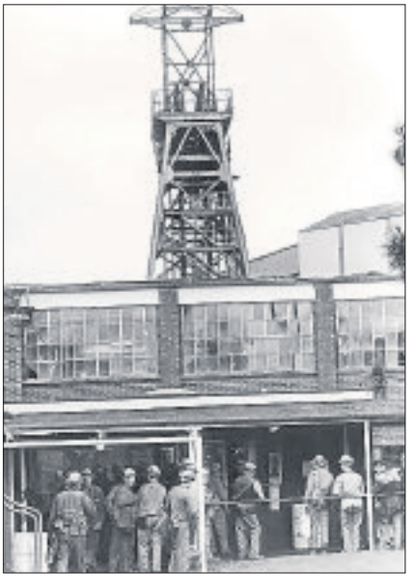
Thomas, the third Lord Paget of Beaudesert, developed large-scale works that included mines of ironstone, two furnaces, two forges, and a handful of cottages for his workmen. But for all these examples of industrialism, as late as 1848, only 2,852 people lived on the 20,000 acres of Cannock Chase.

Researcher Frederick Hackwood says that from the mid-19th century 'the vast heathery waste of Cannock gave way to the busy almost populous mining region of which it mainly consists today'.

According to him, 'the pioneers whose first sinkings led to the establishment of the present large collieries on the Chase were Mr William Harrison and the late John Robinson McClean MP, who began operations in 1848'.

The rapid expansion of mining on the Chase also led to the consequent rise in population.

In 1872, Chasetown was described as 'deriving its existence from the coal-field' and as such was remarkable for its rapid growth. As for Hednesford it was stated that this was 'an entirely new town'.



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Former Genesis star for Symphony

PROG legend Steve Hackett is returning to the West Midlands with his Genesis Extended Tour.

He will play Birmingham's Symphony Hall on November 4, giving fans one last chance to catch a whole set entirely from the Genesis catalogue.

Hackett has recently taken part in the forthcoming BBC documentary Genesis: Together And Apart, which saw the original line-up of Genesis reunite for the first time since 1975. The show is due for transmission and release later this year.

He will kick off his Genesis Extended UK Tour on October21. It will feature a selection of classics, some of which he could not include on the Genesis Revisited tours.

Theatres have a packed diary

AN eclectic autumn programme of entertainment is in store at Lichfield's Garrick Theatre and Stafford's Gatehouse Theatre.

The Gatehouse will welcome on Monday The Stray Birds, a bluegrass trio .

It will be followed on September 16 by a production of A Streetcar Named Desire, which will be beamed live from the National Theatre.Classical violinist Nicola Benedetti plays live on September 19.

The Garrick will showcase four local bands on September 5, Ceri Dupree will feature in Fit For a Queen on September 6 and Joe Brown will headline a rock'n'roll evening on September 7.

Icons of rock and pop will line up for LG Arena and NIA

Mission to wow audience

A HEADLINE show from goth rocker Wayne Hussey will be among the highlights of an autumn series of gigs at Bilston's Robin 2.

The star is playing a solo show on September 22.

He said: "I daresay I will have some new songs to play along with solo versions of some well known and lesser known Mission songs and the occasional cover version. Sing-a-longs guaranteed."

International metal package Cryptosy, Disgorge and Jungle Rot line up on Monday.

Taz Taylor Band will headline on September 2 UK blues rock star, Danny Bryant will play on September 3 before a headline show from Martin Barre, who is best known as the guitarist from Jethro Tull.

Ex-White Lion and Freak Of Nature star Mike Tramp will line-up for a solo acoustic show on September 11 while Stackridge will follow on September 11.

Wayne Hussey of The Mission will be performing in Bilston on September 22

SOME of the biggest names in rock will visit the Midlands to play iconic tunes at the region's largest venues.

Madness, Kasabian, Ed Sheeran and Paolo Nutini are among the A-listers with gigs at Birmingham's LG Arena before Christmas. The Saturdays, Kylie, Lady Gaga, James Blunt, The Who and Chris Rea will line up at the NIA.

The LG Arena's autumn programme will start on September 26 with a headline gig from 70s troubadour James Taylor. Il Divo will follow on October 18 and the record-breaking classical crossover group will bring A Musical Affair: The Greatest Songs Of Broadway Live.Grammy-nominated, multi-platinum selling, singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran will star on October 19 and 20, with support from Saint Raymond..

A galaxy of blues bands will star in The Big Reunion Boy Band Tour on October 21 and among the acts confirmed are Five, Blue, 911, Gareth Gates, Dane Bowers, Adam Rickitt, Kavana and Kenzie.

Rockers Black Stone Cherry will play on October 30, hot on the heels of their sold-out-in-a day Southern Hospitality dates in February.

Paolo Nutini will feature on November 5 before a headline concert from Bryan Adams on November 19 and a performance from Kasabian on November 22. Ambient rock pioneer Peter Gabriel will play on November 28.The LG will welcome rock legend Slash on December 1, opera singer Alfie Boe on December 11 and Madness on December 13.

Ed Sheeran

The NIA will welcome The Saturdays on September 15. The Vamps will line up on October 5 before a headline performance from Kylie on October 7. Caro Emerald will star on October 11.

Other highlights include Lady Gaga on October 15, James on November 22, and The Who on December 7.

Feast of folk on show at festival

A FEAST of folk is in store this weekend when The Waterboys, Johnny Marr, Richard Thompson and Sonic Youth mainman Thurston Moore line up at Moseley Folk Festival, Birmingham.

Friday will feature headliner Marr with supporting slots from Jimi Goodwin, Moore, Samantha Crain, Martha Tilston and The Scientists and Lisa O'Neill.

Headliner on Saturday will be Thompson with support from The Felice Brothers, Stealing Sheep with Brass Band, Woods, Boat To Row, Arc Iris and The Rails. Sunday's headliner will be The Waterboys with support from Lau, Marissa Nadler, The Old Dance School, Lisa Knapp, Miles Hunt & Erica Nockalls and Tom Hickox.

Group to ride in for date at Civic

NUMBER one indie combo Bombay Bicycle Club will headline Wolverhampton's Civic Hall when they hit the road for their biggest UK tour to date.

The band, flush from the success of this year's number one album So Long, See You Tomorrow, will play the venue on December 10.

So Long, See You Tomorrow, captured the results of singer Jack Steadman's picaresque adventures in of Turkey and India in 2013.

Its electronic-inflected and Bollywood-referencing sound made good on the Eastern promise, as it went straight to Number 1 in the album charts in February, reaching silver status in record time.

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The X Factor (ITV, 8.00pm)
New series. The talent extravaganza returns for its 11th series with some important changes – Simon Cowell is back on the panel for the first time since 2010, former guest judge Mel B takes a permanent role on the show and Cheryl Cole has also signed up, but she's now Cheryl Fernandez-Versini following her whirlwind wedding in July. Show stalwart Louis Walsh completes the line-up as the experts search for the nation's next singing sensation. As last year, there's an X Factor double bill every week from the beginning, kicking off with the popular closed-room auditions. The minimum age for acts has now also been lowered to 14, creating more opportunities for all the budding Justin Biebers out there. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.00** Youth Olympic Games Highlights. Highlights from Nanjing, China. **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News. **5.30** Pointless Celebrities.

6.15 Tumble. Alex Jones presents as the remaining celebrities and their professional partners perform rhythmic gymnastic and trampoline routines. They're hoping to impress the judging panel of Louis Smith, Nadia Comaneci, Craig Heap and Sebastien Stella and win a place in the semi-final.

7.30 Doctor Who. The Time Lord crosses swords with his arch-enemies again when he tries to help a rebel space ship surrounded by a Dalek fleet. Sci-fi adventure, starring Peter Capaldi.

8.15 The National Lottery: Break the Safe. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which three pairs of contestants answer two-part questions for the chance to play for the money in the safe. A mum and daughter, two firefighters and a couple compete for the chance to prove they have the split-second timing required to win the jackpot. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws, presented by Gaby Roslin, who also looks at the finalists in the Heritage category of next month's National Lottery Awards. Last in the series.

9.10 Casualty. Jeff finds out Samantha has been keeping a secret from him, forcing him to rethink his feelings. Max helps a young couple stand up to their families and Charlie returns to work.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, including Everton v Chelsea at Goodison Park and Burnley v Manchester United at Turf Moor; National Lottery Update.

11.45 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from the latest fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Fulham v Cardiff City.

1.05 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: Odette. (1950) **7.50 Film:** Stage Struck. (1958) **9.25** The Living Planet. (R) **10.20** The Living Planet. (R) **11.15** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **11.45** Great British Railway Journeys. (R) **12.15** Live Rowing. The World Championships. **2.15** Talking Pictures. (R) **3.00 Film:** The Man in the White Suit. (1951) Satirical Ealing comedy, starring Alec Guinness. **4.20** Coast. **5.00** Natural World: Attenborough's Fabulous Frogs. (R)

6.00 Flog It! Experts Michael Baggot and Will Axon pick their way through collectibles brought into the Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Ashbourne, Derbyshire, including a ghoulish object that could put bidders off at auction. Presenter Paul Martin visits Chatsworth House where he examines the life of Georgiana, the notorious fifth Duchess of Devonshire.

7.00 Proms Extra 2014. Katie Derham presents the weekly magazine show, with the spotlight on performances of Elgar's Cello Concerto, Stravinsky's Petrushka and Ravel's Bolero.

7.45 Dad's Army. Jones buys black-market pigeons from wheeler-dealer Walker – but is horrified to discover the birds were taken from Trafalgar Square. (R)

8.15 Ancient Egypt: Life and Death in the Valley of the Kings. Part two of two. Joann Fletcher examines the Ancient Egyptian attitude to death, looking at why they spent a fortune preparing for it and what they hoped to find in the afterlife. (R)

9.15 Andrew Marr's Great Scots: The Writers Who Shaped a Nation. The life of poet Hugh MacDiarmid, a staunch nationalist who reinvented Scots as a language for serious writing and was for many years under surveillance by MI5.

10.15 QI XL. Rob Brydon, Phill Jupitus, Cal Wilson and Alan Davies try to come up with interesting answers to Stephen Fry's questions about journeys, in an extended version of the quiz. (R)

11.00 TOTP2. A selection of archive performances, including Wham!, Supertramp, the Jacksons, ELO, Hot Chocolate, the Lightning Seeds with Baddiel & Skinner, and Emeli Sande. (R)

12.00 Film: Marnie. (1964) **2.05** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Pat & Stan. **6.10** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.15** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.10** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.25** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Chowder. (R) **8.10** Chowder. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** The Hungry Sailors. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30 Film:** Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes. (2000) **1.25** Peter Andre's 60 Minute Makeover. (R) **2.25** Weekend Escapes with Warwick Davis. (R) **3.00** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **4.00** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars. (R) **4.55 Film:** King Ralph. (1991) Comedy, starring John Goodman.

6.45 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.55 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Chase: Celebrity Special. New series. Fern Britton, Matthew Hoggard, Michelle Mone and Neil Morrissey try to win thousands of pounds for charity by outwitting a trivia expert. Bradley Walsh hosts.

8.00 The X Factor. New series. The auditions begin as the hopefuls perform for Simon Cowell, Cheryl Fernandez-Versini, Mel B and Louis Walsh, maintaining his record of having appeared in every series.

9.25 Through the Keyhole. New series. Last year, Keith Lemon snooped around the homes of stars as varied as Mary Berry, Joey Essex, Amir Khan and John Prescott, inviting panellists to guess their identities. Returning for a second series of the revived game show, he welcomes chat-show host Jonathan Ross, TV presenter Ruth Langsford and comedian Alan Carr to the studio. Using clues highlighted along Keith's tour of each home, and with the help of the audience, the guests try to work out which famous faces have handed over their house keys to the Celebrity Juice funnyman.

10.30 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: Parenthood. (1989) An anxious family man struggles to be a better parent to his three children than his own father was to him. Comedy drama, starring Steve Martin, Keanu Reeves, Jason Robards, Dianne Wiest, Tom Hulce, Rick Moranis and Mary Steenburgen.

1.00 Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.05 The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** Trans World Sport. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.25** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.50** Frasier. (R) **10.20** Frasier. (R) **10.50** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.15** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.40** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.05** The Simpsons. (R) **1.10** Gadget Man. (R) **1.40** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Sandown Park, Chester and Beverley. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.40** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.15 Come Dine with Me. Care worker Jane Arnold hosts the final dinner party in Salisbury, Wiltshire, and her bedroom antics raise a few eyebrows before the winner is announced. (R)

6.40 Channel 4 News.

7.10 Sarah Beeny's Double Your House for Half the Money. A Sheffield couple encounter problems with an extension before the foundations are even laid, and a bungalow in Radlett, Hertfordshire, is adapted for a man with multiple sclerosis. (R)

8.05 Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud meets dairy farmer Andrew Ainslie and his artist wife Meryl in Marlborough, Wiltshire. Their current house is separate from their land, so they want to build a new home close to their 200-head herd of cattle. The project involves constructing an ultra-modern barn-like building from engineered timber, with a barrel-shaped zinc roof, which will combine functionality with high-finish craftsmanship. (R)

9.10 Film: Lockout. (2012) Premiere. A government agent is framed for murder, and sentenced to a prison on board a space station. Before he can be sent there, a riot takes place in the penitentiary and the convicts seize control, holding the president's daughter hostage. The condemned man is offered a pardon if he can rescue her. Sci-fi thriller, starring Guy Pearce.

11.00 Film: The Accused. (1988) A waitress vows to bring to justice the bystanders who did nothing to intervene when she was raped in a bar. Drama, starring an Oscar-winning Jodie Foster.

1.05 Sean Lock: Lockipedia Live. (R) **2.00** The Last Leg. (R) **2.45** Homeland. (R) **3.40** Hollyoaks. **5.45** Gordon Ramsay's Home Cooking. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Access. **10.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.10** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.10 Film:** The Burning Hills. (1956) Western, starring Tab Hunter. **2.00 Film:** Guns of the Magnificent Seven. (1969) **4.05 Film:** Rio Bravo. (1959) Western, with John Wayne and Dean Martin.

7.00 Cricket on 5. England v India. Mark Nicholas presents highlights of the third match of the five-game one-day series, which took place at Trent Bridge in Nottingham. The nations last met here in this form of the game a decade ago, in a match that saw fast-bowler Steve Harmison claim a hat-trick as India faltered to 170 all out, while Vikram Solanki scored 52 to help the hosts to a seven-wicket victory.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Burned Alive: Anatomy of a Murder. Documentary charting in detail the events leading up to a murder, beginning with the killing of Stacey Mackie in January 2012. Stacey made a fatal error of judgement when she ended her friendship with Terrence Armer, who became abusive and threatening, culminating in his gaining entry to her flat, dousing her in white spirit and setting her alight. The programme features interviews with Stacey's mother and sister and a detective inspector from Cumbria police force, as well as expert analysis from a criminal psychologist. (R)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. Highlights of another day of diary room revelations, bedroom banter, arguments and alliances, including a chance to see the events leading up to Friday's eviction and what happened afterwards. (R)

10.00 Paddy McGuinness – Saturday Night Live. The comedian and Take Me Out presenter performs at Manchester Arena during his 2011 UK tour, holding forth on topics including strip clubs, stag dos and hen nights.

11.10 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Psych. Rylan Clark and Iain Lee are joined by a panel of psychologists, body-language experts and celebrity fans to analyse the behaviour of the housemates. With Luisa Zissman.

12.10 SuperCasino. **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother. (R) **4.00** House Doctor. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **8.00** World's Craziest Fools **8.30** Top Gear India Special **10.00** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **1.35** Sexy Beasts **2.05** Comedy Fest Live 2014 **3.00** Russell Howard's Good News **4.00** Close

BBC Four
7.00 Human Planet **8.00** Tales from the National Parks **9.00** Crimes of Passion **10.25** Timewatch: Britain's Lost Colosseum **11.15** Rome's Lost Empire **12.45** Boxing at the Movies: Kings of the Ring **1.45** Human Planet **2.45** Tales from the National Parks **3.45** Close

ITV2
11.10 Take Me Out **12.20** You've Been Framed! Funniest 100 **1.25** Totally You've Been Framed! **2.25** The X Factor: The Boss Is Back **3.25** The X Factor: Cheryl Looks Back **4.30** The X Factor: Louis Looks Back **5.30** Wonderful World of The X Factor **6.30** The X Factor: Your Top Ten **7.35 Film:** Jurassic Park III (2001) **9.25** The Xtra Factor **10.30 Film:** Happy Gilmore (1996) **12.20** The X Factor **1.50** The Xtra Factor **2.40** Rita Ora: The Hot Desk **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
1.00 Hidden Treasure **3.00** A Touch of Frost **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Bomb Girls **12.00** A Touch of Frost **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.50 Classic TT 2014 **12.50** Storage Wars **1.50** World Rally Championship Highlights **2.50** British Superbike Championship Highlights **3.50** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **5.20 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00 Film:** On Her Majesty's Secret Service (1969) **10.55 Film:** The Wild Bunch (1969) **1.50** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **4.30** Teleshopping

E4
11.30 How I Met Your Mother **12.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **1.30** The Big Bang Theory **2.30** Melissa & Joey **3.30** Made in Chelsea NYC **4.35** The Big Bang Theory **5.35** How I Met Your Mother **6.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **7.00** The 100 **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Scott Pilgrim vs The World (2010) **11.15** The Big Bang Theory **12.15** Virtually Famous **1.05** Almost Royal **1.35** How I Met Your Mother **2.50** Suburgatory **3.35** Glee **4.20** Desperate Housewives

Film4
11.00 Courage of Lassie (1946) **1.00** The Last Mimzy (2007) **2.50** Tooth Fairy (2010) **5.00** The Princess Diaries (2001) **7.15** Airplane! (1980) **9.00** Ghost (1990) **11.25** Intruders (2011) **1.25** Bombay Beach (2011) **3.05** Close

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CHOICE

John Thomson and Simon Day

The Two Amigos: A Gaucho Adventure
(BBC2, 9.00pm)
In the first edition of this new two part series, which promises to be filled with fun and games, Fast Show stars John Thomson and Simon Day head off to Argentina to learn the ways of the country's rugged cowboys and national icons ahead of them participating in a cattle drive in the foothills of the Andes. After a hair-raising, pot-hole dodging drive, they arrive at La Pelada Estancia near the small town of Esquina, their home for a week of intense training. Head honcho Dario Gallardo soon has the pair bedecked in traditional ponchos and riding on two of the ranch's sturdiest horses, preparing them for their three-day ride in the wilds of Patagonia.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.35** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** BBC News. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Wanted Down Under. (R) **11.45** Helicopter Heroes Down Under. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. With Mark Chapman and the Match of the Day team. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Best of Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.30** 24 Hours on Earth. (R) **3.30** Escape to the Country. **4.30** The Great British Bake Off. (R) **5.30** Junior Songs of Praise.

6.05 Deadly on a Mission: Pole to Pole. Steve Backshall and his team go in search of the jaguar, an animal that has eluded Steve his entire life, before turning their attentions to ocean predator the killer whale.

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

7.00 Nature's Miracle Orphans. Second of two programmes following preparations to return orphaned baby animals to the wild. In Australia, Ellie Harrison meets Sue, who has been caring for bare-nosed wombat Stacey since her mother was killed four months previously. To get the animal used to the outside world, they take her into they garden for the first time. However, interaction with other wombats is a vital part of rehabilitation, so they need to find a suitable companion before she can be released. Wildlife cameraman Max Hug Williams is in Costa Rica, finding out how three-toed sloth Newbie is responding to treatment and meeting a 10-month-old anteater as he learns to forage the critters he needs to keep him going.

8.00 Countryfile. Ellie Harrison meets one of the last survivors of the Women's Land Army and reveals why the Peak District Mountain Rescue was formed. Plus, Jules Hudson explores Staffordshire.

9.00 The Village. Edmund and Harriet prepare for their wedding, while Gilbert and Agnes get married. Grace continues to defy John over the land debate and joins the protest walk at the Big House.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action.

11.35 Boomers. (R)

12.05 Weather for the Week Ahead.

12.10 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Countryfile. (R) **7.00** Monty Don's Italian Gardens. (R) **8.00** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.30** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.00** The Football League Show. (R) **10.20** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.50** Live Rowing. **1.45** Triathlon. **4.00** Equestrian.

6.00 Flog It! Experts Charlie Ross and Tracy Martin visit Oxford University's Sheldonian Theatre to examine a selection of antiques, including a Chinese snuff bottle and a miniature grandfather clock. Meanwhile, presenter Paul Martin heads to the faculty of music to examine the instruments in the Bate Collection.

7.00 Equator. Author and broadcaster Simon Reeve travels around the equator, beginning by visiting countries in Africa, including Gabon – a producer of oil that once had the world's highest per capita consumption of champagne. However, the lavish life comes to a halt when he and his team are abandoned by their drivers in the rainforest. (R)

8.00 Dragons' Den. A former male stripper breaks down under pressure, and two British expats fly in from Australia to seek investment for their tanning range – and have a jingle that takes the Dragons by surprise. Will anybody be able to impress Kelly Hoppen, Piers Linney, Peter Jones, Deborah Meaden and Duncan Bannatyne? (R)

9.00 The Two Amigos: A Gaucho Adventure. Part one of two. Fast Show stars John Thomson and Simon Day head off to Argentina to learn how to be cowboys, before going on a cattle drive in the foothills of the Andes.

10.00 Him & Her: The Wedding. New series. Chief bridesmaid Becky has to deal with an excited Laura on the morning of her nuptials and best man Steve cannot find Paul. Comedy, with Russell Tovey and Kerry Howard.

10.30 Film: Starter for 10. (2006) A student in the 1980s sets out to appear on University Challenge – and woo a fellow contestant in the process. Comedy drama, starring James McAvoy, Alice Eve and Catherine Tate.

12.00 Film: The Science of Sleep. (2006) **1.40** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.40** Holby City. (R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Pat & Stan. **6.10** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.15** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Canimals. (R) **6.55** Canimals. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.10** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.25** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.55** Chowder. (R) **8.10** Chowder. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend. **9.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.20** ITV News; Weather. **11.30** River Monsters. (R) **12.30** Long Lost Family. (R) **1.30 Film:** The Borrowers. (1997) Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman. **3.10** The X Factor. (R) **4.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **5.30** Tipping Point. (R)

6.30 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.45 ITV News; Weather.

7.00 Come On Down! The Game Show Story. Bradley Walsh examines the evolution of the game show, from the basic sets of early programmes to the hi-tech look of The Cube and elaborate obstacle courses of Total Wipeout. He meets the man known to millions more than 40 years ago as Bernie the Bolt and has a go himself at lining up the famous crossbow from The Golden Shot. There's also a look at the changing role of women over the years, from the days of hostesses like Anne Aston to the impact of presenters such as Anneka Rice and Carol Vorderman in the 1980s.

8.00 The X Factor. The closed-room auditions continue as more solo singers and groups attempt to prove they are worthy of a potentially life-changing record contract. Dermot O'Leary hosts.

9.00 The Great War: The People's Story. A Glasgow shipbuilder, an aristocratic man and an 18-year-old Londoner – all previously exempted from service – are called up to fight as the death toll rises. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 Prom Crazy: Frocks and Ferraris. Documentary following four teenagers preparing for their end-of-year school prom, as they set their sights on designer outfits, makeovers and luxurious transport. (R)

11.15 The Cube. Police officer Kevin continues the challenge, with £50,000 already in the bag. (R)

12.10 The Store. **2.25** Motorsport UK. **3.15** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **4.05** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.35** How I Met Your Mother. (R) **7.00** Ironman 2014. **7.30** Ironman 2014. **8.00** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.35** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **2.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.00** The Simpsons. (R) **3.30 Film:** The Three Musketeers. (1993) Swashbuckling comedy adventure, with Kiefer Sutherland. **5.35** Deal or No Deal.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 How Britain Worked. Engineering enthusiast Guy Martin and the team repair the water turbine needed to power an old saw mill in Wensleydale, North Yorkshire. He then ropes in a carpenter friend to help fell a tree and transport it to the building on a steam traction engine, before using the cut wood to make a replica of the first pedal-powered bicycle. Along the way, Guy learns about the lives of factory workers during the Industrial Revolution and how child apprentices were often little more than slave labour. (R)

8.00 Secrets of the Body Snatchers: A Time Team Special. Tony Robinson uncovers the truth behind some of the most gruesome events of the 19th century, when criminals would steal corpses from graves for medical research purposes.

9.00 Film: Tower Heist. (2011) Premiere. The manager of an apartment complex asks a Wall Street financier to manage pension funds for him and his friends, but the man pockets all the money instead. When he realises the fraudster is going to get away with the crime and the money will never be found, he enlists the help of a professional thief to steal it back. Crime comedy, with Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy, Alan Alda, Tea Leoni and Casey Affleck.

11.00 Film: Another 48 Hrs. (1990) Convict Reggie Hammond and cop Jack Cates once again join forces, this time taking on a mysterious drug kingpin. Comedy thriller sequel, starring Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte.

12.50 Film: Paradise: Love. (2012) **2.50** First Time Farmers. (R) **3.45** The Million Pound Drop. (R) **4.40** Gordon Ramsay's Home Cooking. (R) **5.05** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.40** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Chloe's Closet. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Little Princess. (R) **8.00** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.20** Wanda and the Alien. **8.35** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.20** LazyTown. (R) **9.50** Access. **9.55** Police Interceptors. (R) **10.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.50** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.45** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.50 Film:** Vertical Limit. (2000) Action adventure, starring Chris O'Donnell. **4.05 Film:** Monster House. (2006) Animated comedy horror, with the voice of Mitchel Musso. **5.45 Film:** Sweet Home Alabama. (2002) Romantic comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon and Josh Lucas.

8.00 5 News Weekend.

8.05 World's Deadliest Storms. Documentary featuring footage of some of the world's most extreme weather captured by those who survived it. In Indianapolis, freak winds cause a 32-ton stage to collapse on top of spectators, Hurricane Sandy strikes a small coastal town in New York and a tornado tears a peaceful Illinois neighbourhood to pieces. (R)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother. A chance to catch up with the latest events inside the house as the celebrities cope with living under constant surveillance, with all the arguments and alliances, as well as the revelations in the diary room.

10.00 Film: Death Sentence. (2007) Premiere. An executive turns into a vigilante, using increasingly brutal methods to avenge his son's murder by a street gang. Thriller, starring Kevin Bacon and Kelly Preston.

12.05 Prisoners Out of Control. A look inside the walls of the most notorious prisons. **12.55** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Royal Pets: One's Best Friend. Members of the British monarchy and their animals. **4.00** House Doctor. A property in Hammersmith, west London. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **5.15** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three

7.00 Great Movie Mistakes – Not in 3D **7.15** Doctor Who **8.05 Film:** Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (2008) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Cuckoo **11.15** Siblings **11.45** American Dad! **12.30** Sexy Beasts **1.00** Cuckoo **1.30** Siblings **2.00** Russell Howard's Good News **3.00** Josh **3.15** Great Movie Mistakes – Not in 3D **3.30** Sexy Beasts **4.00** Close

BBC Four

7.00 The Sunday Prom: Borusan Istanbul Philharmonic Orchestra **9.10** Imagine: Tom Jones – What Good Am I? **10.10 Film:** Miss Bala (2011) **12.00** Blondie's New York and the Making of Parallel Lines **12.50** New York Rock at the BBC **1.50** Blondie @ Glastonbury **2.45** Imagine: Tom Jones – What Good Am I? **3.45** Close

ITV2

12.05 America's Got Talent **2.45** Totally You've Been Framed! **3.45 Film:** The Little Vampire (2000) **5.40** The X Factor **7.05 Film:** Year One (2009) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Utterly Outrageous Celebrity Weddings **11.00** The X Factor **12.00** The Xtra Factor **1.00** The Big Reunion 2014 **1.50** You've Been Framed: A-Z **2.40** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.35 Film: George and Mildred: The Movie (1980) **1.30 Film:** Evil Under the Sun (1982) **3.55 Film:** Columbo: Last Salute to the Commodore (1976) **5.55** Inspector Morse **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Wycliffe **11.05 Film:** The Breakfast Club (1985) **1.10** William and Mary **2.00** Judge Judy **3.05** Movies Now **3.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

ITV4

11.20 Film: Paths of Glory (1957) **1.10 Film:** All Quiet on the Western Front (1979) **4.15 Film:** Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **6.00** The Motorbike Show **7.00** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **8.00** River Monsters **9.00 Film:** Waterworld (1995) **11.45** Hell on Wheels **12.40** Classic TT 2014 **1.40** Cycling: Vuelta a Espana **2.35** Cheers **3.00** Teleshopping **3.30** The Store **4.30** Teleshopping

E4

12.30 Made in Chelsea NYC **1.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **2.30** Suburgatory **3.00** The Mindy Project **3.30** New Girl **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.00** The 100 **5.55** Rude(ish) Tube **6.55 Film:** Three Men and a Baby (1987) **9.00** Made in Chelsea NYC **10.00** Almost Royal **10.35** The Big Bang Theory **11.35** Virtually Famous **12.25** Rules of Engagement **1.50** Suburgatory **2.15** Happy Endings **3.00** The Cleveland Show **3.20** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Carry On Doctor (1967) **1.00** Chalet Girl (2011) **2.50** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **4.40** The King and I (1956) **7.15** The Golden Child (1986) **9.00** Brassed Off (1996) **11.10** Terminator Salvation (2009) **1.25** Absentia (2011) **3.20** Close

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Paradise: Faith, Channel 4, 1am
An Austrian woman becomes obsessively devoted to Catholicism, going door to door asking people to pray with her and developing sexual fixations with the crucifixion. Drama, the second film in Ulrich Seidl's Paradise trilogy, starring Maria Hofstatter and Nabil Saleh. In German and Arabic. (2012)

TUESDAY
Do No Harm, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A woman is devastated when her partner dies in a plane crash, and tries to kill herself. She is helped in her recovery by a psychiatrist, but the doctor develops an unhealthy fixation with the patient and kidnaps her, hoping she will replace her own dead daughter. Thriller, starring Deanna Russo and Lauren Holly. (2012)

WEDNESDAY
The Stepford Wives, BBC1, 11.50pm
A ruthless TV boss suffers a nervous breakdown and is persuaded to relocate to an idyllic town. However, she begins to suspect something is very wrong with the local women and sets out to discover the dark secret behind the seemingly perfect community. Frank Oz's comedy remake of the 1975 satire, with Nicole Kidman, Matthew Broderick and Bette Midler. (2004)

The Stepford Wives, Wednesday, BBC2, 11.50pm

THURSDAY
Texas Rangers, BBC1, 11.35pm
A posse of courageous gunslingers and hotheads is hired by the state governor to prevent Texas from falling into lawless ruin in the aftermath of the American Civil War. Western, starring James Van Der Beek. (2001)

FRIDAY
The Boat That Rocked, ITV, 10.40pm
A host of eclectic DJs entertain 1960s Britain through a pirate radio station, broadcasting from a vessel in the North Sea. Richard Curtis's comedy, starring Bill Nighy, Rhys Ifans and Nick Frost. (2009)

American Beauty, BBC2, 11.05pm
A suburban family man has a mid-life crisis when he becomes infatuated with a friend of his teenage daughter. Struggling to cope with the unhealthy attention her father is lavishing on her friend, the girl begins a tentative relationship of her own, while her harassed mother is also having an affair. Sam Mendes' Oscar-winning black comedy drama, starring Kevin Spacey, Annette Bening and Thora Birch. (1999)

PICK OF THE WEEK

Reece plays it straight in a new police drama

Comedy can be a funny business. One minute you're at the top of the tree, the next you can be forgotten, a spent force no longer able to raise a smile.

When the Monty Python TV series ended, nobody knew what the future would hold for its members.

Some observers thought they may vanish without a trace, but in fact, they all went on to enjoy varying degrees of success – for them, the sum of the whole was not greater than the parts.

The same could be said about the League of Gentlemen team. Jeremy Dyson (the one everybody always forgets about) has enjoyed success in the fields of writing and directing, while Steve Pemberton is an instantly recognisable character actor and Mark Gatiss is a loveable polymath.

For a while it seemed that Reece Shearsmith might not reach the heights of his colleagues, but in the past year that's all changed.

Inside Number 9, the series he wrote and starred in with Pemberton, was a resounding success, and he also reinvented himself as a dramatic actor with roles in the horror movie A Field in England and on the small screen in The Widower.

He's playing it straight again in new series **Chasing Shadows, ITV, 9.00pm.**

"I'm probably what you would describe as a character actor and I do immerse myself in the parts," says Shearsmith.

"I don't get recognised a lot because I'm usually disguised on screen. "I quite like the level I'm at where I can have a normal life and walk around. The work is the thing that speaks for me. I'm not really a personality, I just do the acting and that's what I want people to see."

That may all change if Chasing Shadows is a major success and returns for another series after this initial run of four episodes.

The Hull-born actor reckons it could continue. "I'd love to do more. I think it's only the start of what could be a really interesting journey for all of the characters. There are so many stories that could be told."

Shearsmith plays DS Sean Stone, a misfit who struggles to deal with people and is reassigned to a missing person's unit after offending his boss.

There he meets Ruth Hattersley, who learns to deal with Sean's odd quirks and habits, and quickly realises how useful he could be when it comes to finding lost souls.

Alex Kingston portrays her, and Noel Clarke has been cast as their boss, DI Prior.

Their first case involves the disappearance of 16-year-old schoolgirl Taylor, and will be told over two nail-biting episodes.

She's initially thought to be a routine runaway, until Sean discovers she had a dark secret and was logging into internet forums about suicide.

We won't give away what happens next, but Sean's attention to detail enables him and Ruth to uncover something very shocking indeed.

It's an unforgettable story, and after it has been broadcast, you can bet that Shearsmith won't be able to stay anonymous for long.

Don Warrington, Adjoa Andoh, Alfie Field, Lynda Baron, Myriam Acharki and Imogen Daines also star.

Reece Shearsmith stars in Chasing Shadows, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

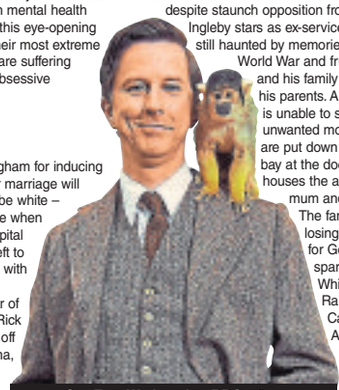
MONDAY
Long Lost Family
ITV, 9pm
It may be an award-winning, emotionally wrenching TV series, but we're almost glad Long Lost Family is coming to an end this week – our tear ducts need a break. They'll get one final workout this week though as we meet 53-year-old Sandra Macdonald, who was given up for adoption as a baby. Growing up in Edinburgh, she never felt fully accepted by her adoptive family, and at the age of 15 she decided to search for her biological mother. She began her journey at the offices of the church organisation, where she was told that her mother had sinned and wouldn't want to be reminded of her transgressions. Now the Long Lost Family pick up the case.

Alex Polizzi: The Fixer
BBC2, 9pm
The hotelier and entrepreneur returns to help more struggling firms, this time finding solutions for certain critical issues that lead to the closure of many companies. She begins by visiting Paul Walker, who set up a micro-brewery in the heart of the Devon countryside, but has seen his finances spiral out of control and his family life begin to suffer. Alex shows him how to capitalise on the growing popularity of British real ale overseas, with a trip to Paris revealing interesting export opportunities for his products.

TUESDAY
Dogs: Their Secret Lives
Channel 4, 8pm
Dogs are pretty great creatures. They love hanging out with their human buddies and don't seem to have a care in the world – or do they? We wouldn't normally associate canines with mental health issues, but the final episode of this eye-opening series suggests that some of their most extreme behaviours could indicate they are suffering from certain issues, including obsessive compulsion and chronic fears.

In the Club
BBC1, 9pm
Jasmin is furious with Dr Bellingham for inducing her labour, worried whether her marriage will survive if the baby turns out to be white – and things go from bad to worse when she encounters Jack in the hospital after his fight with Dev. Kim is left to mend her fractured relationship with Susie and Neil following the revelation that Jude is the father of Rosie's baby, while Diane and Rick are optimistic as Hope is taken off the ventilator. Kay Mellor's drama, starring Taj Atwal, Sacha Dhawan and Jill Halfpenny.

WEDNESDAY
Our Zoo
BBC1, 9pm
New series. Drama based on the true story of the Mottershead family, who made a huge personal sacrifice to establish Chester Zoo in the 1930s – despite staunch opposition from the locals. Lee Ingleby stars as ex-serviceman George, still haunted by memories of the First World War and frustrated that he and his family have to live with his parents. An animal lover, he is unable to stand by while an unwanted monkey and camel are put down in the quarantine bay at the docks, so he houses the animals in his mum and dad's backyard. The family think he is losing his mind – but for George it's the spark of an idea. Liz White, Anne Reid, Ralf Little, Stephen Campbell Moore, Amelia Clarkson, Karl Collins and Sophia Myles co-star.


Our Zoo, Wednesday, BBC1, 9pm

THURSDAY
Dallas
Channel 5, 10pm
As series three kicks off, Sue Ellen is busy planning John Ross and Pamela's wedding. And what's the first rule of celebrations in soap land? That's right, they never go off without a fight. In this case the groom clashes with Bobby over their joint ownership of Southfork Ranch. As if that's not controversial enough, he also begins an affair with Emma. Meanwhile, Elena is back, and it seems her relationship with Christopher is beyond repair. Veteran favourites Linda Gray and Patrick Duffy star with Josh Henderson, Jordana Brewster and Jesse Metcalfe.

FRIDAY
Boomers
BBC1, 9pm
The friends gather for Joyce's retirement party, where John has made a tribute video – but forgotten to ask Trevor for his tribute – Maureen latches onto a trendy young couple at the party and Alan has bad news that might ruin proceedings – unless the guest of honour spoils it first by confronting her neighbour about her kids' unruly behaviour. Alison Steadman and Philip Jackson star in the sitcom, with Russ Abbot, Stephanie Beacham, Paula Wilcox and James Smith.

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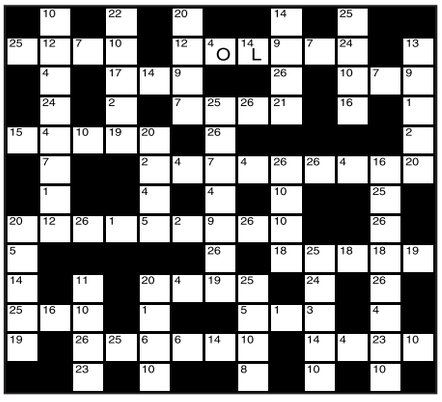

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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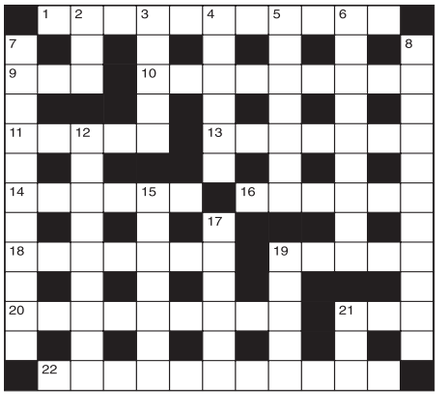
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Country gets clear profit with her estates (11)
9 & 19Ac. Communist clue! That indicates danger (3,5)
10. A shout by one about to become engaged! (6-3)
11. Call on six not to stand (5)
13. A revolutionary means of getting power (7)
14. Basic principles for camping accommodation around the East (6)
16. Not too late eventually (2,4)
18 & 3Dn. Usual custom normally assumed by the monk? (7,5)
19. See 9 Across
20. Made arrangements for grandiose transformation (9)
21. A title among the honours I received (3)
22. Entice press to show tenacity (11)

Down

2. Arrive at some conclusion in open discussion (3)
3. See 18 Across
4. Go round to put back in charge (6)
5. Plane section made from one rail (8)
6. Refusing to be showing signs of old age (9)
7. But it's not usually the ranker's accommodation! (7,4)
8. Printing workers do some key work with crossword compilers! (4-7)
12. Mosaic form will be used in this service building (9)
15. Natural gifts with parabolic associations (7)
17. Peaks shown by the others in the Civil Service (6)
19. Shelf too short for the account book... (5)
21. ...and so is this container for wine! (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Astronautics (5,6)
9. Fresh (3)
10. Flattery (9)
11. Unconcealed (5)
13. Letter (7)
14. Career (6)
16. Niggardly person (6)
18. Put back (7)
19. Live (5)
20. Immunity (9)
21. Court (3)
22. In any case (2,3,6)

Down

2. Seat (3)
3. Map (5)
4. Went round (6)
5. Greed (7)
6. Being (9)
7. Apathetic (11)
8. Revolting (2,9)
12. Apparatus (9)
15. Surgeon's knife (7)
17. Contrive (6)
19. Dullard (5)
21. Damp (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Post; 3 Forwards; 9 Noisome; 10 Total; 11 Highland reel; 13 Noting; 15 Litter; 17 Single ticket; 20 Ample; 21 Theatre; 22 Baronial; 23 Ayes. Down: 1 Penchant; 2 Sling; 4 Oceans; 5 Water-diviner; 6 Retreat; 7 Sole; 8 Bowling-green; 12 Brothers; 14 Tripper; 16 Bertha; 18 Kitty; 19 Jamb. QUICK - Across: 1 Cull; 3 Produced; 9 Martial; 10 Sidle; 11 Independence; 13 Expose; 15 Outlaw; 17 Degeneration; 20 Amass; 21 Doleful; 22 Fall down; 23 Arid. Down: 1 Combined; 2 Lurid; 4 Relent; 5 Disreputable; 6 Codicil; 7 Deed; 8 Dispossessed; 12 Swindled; 14 Prevail; 16 Meadow; 18 Infer; 19 Waif.

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Immaculately Presented One Bed Ground Floor Flat Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Modern Fitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Rear Garden And Driveway.
£89,995

WELLINGTON COURT, W'HALL
Modern One Bed Duplex Apartment Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom. D/Glazing, Storage Heating. Gated Parking. Great First Time Buy Or Investment Opportunity.
£92,500

VIEWING ADVISED

BLENHEIM RD, SUMMER HAYES
Immaculately Presented Two Bed Ground Floor Flat Comprising Of Entrance Porch/Utility Area, Lounge, Kitchen, Hall, Two Bedrooms And Modern Bathroom. Outside There Is An Enclosed Rear Garden & Further Lawn Area To The Side. Must View.
£95,000

BLOXWICH RD, LEAMORE
Spacious Two Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower Cubicle, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden And Off Road Parking.
£95,000

POPLAR AVE, BENTLEY
Three Bedroom End Town House. Comprises Of Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, W.C And Shower Room. Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating. Front & Rear Gardens. Great F.T.B Or B.T.L
£95,000

LISTER STREET, WILLENHALL
Three/Four Bed Mid Terraced. Comprises Of Lounge, Dining/ Sitting Room, Kitchen & Family Bathroom, Three Bedrooms On The First Floor, Attic Room/Fourth Bedroom, D/Glazed And G/C/H, Rear Garden.
£95,000

COLTHAM RD, SHORT HEATH
Well Presented Three Bedroom Mid Terraced House. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, Ground Floor Bathroom And Three Bedrooms. Off Road Parking To The Front And Garden To The Rear.
£100,000

REDUCED

HARPER STREET, W'HALL
Two Bed End Town House. Comprises Of Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C, Shower Room. D/ Glazing, G/Central Heating. Outside Are Two Allocated Parking Spaces, Enclosed Rear Garden.
£100,000

BENTON CL, WILLENHALL
Three Bedroom Mid Town House. Comprises Of 20ft Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Lobby With Both W.C And Storage Cupboard And Family Bathroom. Also Benefits From UPVC D/Glazing And Central Heating.
£102,000

WALKERS FOLD, SHORT HEATH
Two Bed Mid Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner And Modern Shower Room. Outside Are Two Allocated Parking Spaces & Rear Garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN!
£107,500

STROUD AVE, WILLENHALL
Two Bedroom Mid Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Ground Floor W.C, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner, And Family Bathroom. Outside Are Front & Rear Gardens As Well As Off Road Parking To The Rear.
£109,950

TILDESLEY DRIVE, W'HALL
Two Bed Mid-Terraced Comprises Of Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen With Integrated Appliances, Family Bathroom, D/G, G/C/H, Enclosed Rear Garden. O/R/P.
£109,995

VICTORIA STREET, WILLENHALL
Three Storey End Town House Comprises Entrance Hall, W.C, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner. Two Bedrooms & Family Bathroom To The First Floor, Master Bedroom & En-Suite On Second Floor, D/G, G/C/H. Garden To The Rear.
£109,995

THE CRESCENT, WILLENHALL
Modern Two Bed Semi Having Lounge With Open Plan Staircase, Kitchen Diner, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/ Glazing, C/Heating, Block Paved Driveway To The Fore Allowing Off Road Parking For Two Vehicles And A Private Enclosed Rear Garden.
£110,000

ONE PLOT REMAINING

LANE HEAD CLOSE, W'HALL
Two Bed End Town House. Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Guest W.C, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen Diner, En-suite Shower Room To Master And Family Bathroom. D/Glazing & C/Heating. Garden To Rear Off Road Parking.
£125,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

WELLAND GROVE, W'HALL
Three Bed Semi. Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Conservatory, Family Bathroom. Garden & Driveway To The Front. Enclosed Garden To Rear. Great First Time Buy
£127,950

VIEWING ADVISED

LOMBARDY GDN, SHORT HEATH
Superbly Presented Two Bedroom Semi Detached Property. Comprises Of Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/ Diner, Two Bedrooms & Bathroom. Gardens To Both The Front And Rear. Detached Garage And Driveway. MUST VIEW!
£132,500

BASALT CLOSE, REEDSWOOD
Modern Three Bedroom End Town House Comprising Of Fitted Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, En-Suite, Fitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/ Heating, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage & Off Road Parking. Viewing Recommended!
£137,500

AMPLEFORTH DRIVE, W'HALL
Three Bed End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Ground Floor W.C, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen With Dining Area And Modern Family Bathroom. UPVC D/Glazed And Central Heated. Off Road Parking. Garden To Rear.
£139,950

DARVEL RD, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Semi Having Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, Gas C/ Heating, Integral Garage, Driveway And An Enclosed Garden To The Rear.
£140,000

PATTENHAM CL, W'HALL
Three Bed Town House. Ground Floor Has Lounge, Kitchen/Diner And W.C. First Floor Has Two Double Bedrooms And Bathroom, With The Master Bedroom And En-Suite Shower Room On The Second Floor.
£145,000

SHEPWELL GREEN, W'HALL
Three Bed Detached Dormer Bungalow Comprises Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, Ground Floor Bedroom, Two Bathrooms, Two First Floor Bedrooms, GCH, DG, Detached Garage, Front And Rear Gardens.
£154,995

FRANCHISE ST, WEDNESBURY
Three Bedroom End Terrace Property. Entrance Hall, Three Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room, Family Bathroom And Half Cellar. Outside Is Driveway, Garage And An Enclosed Rear Garden.
£154,995

NEW INSTRUCTION

ARNHEM ROAD, W'HALL
Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow. Comprises Of Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, WC, Family Bathroom. D/G & G/C/H, Off Road Parking To The Front & Extensive Gardens To The Rear.
£155,000

RAVENSBOURNE GR, W'HALL
Three Bed Detached House Comprises Of Entrance Hall, WC, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Shower Room, D/Glazed G/C/H. Front & Rear Gardens. Driveway & Garage.
£155,000

BIRCHTREE HOLLOW, W'HALL
Extended Five Bed Semi Detached Having Entrance Porch & Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining Area, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area, Ground Floor W.C, Additional Sitting Room And Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/ Heating, Driveway.
£160,000

THE GREEN, DARLASTON
Four Bed Detached House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C, Rear Hallway, En-Suite Shower To Master Bed & Family Bathroom. Rear Garden & Off Road Parking.
£169,995

LICHFIELD RD, NEW INVENTION
Two Bed Detached Bungalow Having Through Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, D/ Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden & Driveway.
£180,000

CRAB LANE, WILLENHALL
Three Bed Dormer Bungalow, Comprises Entrance Hall, Lounge/ Diner, Kitchen, Bathroom, One Bedroom To Ground Floor. First Floor Has Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, D/G, G/C/H. Front/Rear Gardens. Driveway & Garage.
£185,000

VIEWING ADVISED

BUSH STREET, DARLASTON
Three Bed Cottage Style Detached Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Bathroom, Fitted Kitchen, Two Reception Rooms & En-Suite W.C To Master Bed. Outside Is Gated Parking, Double Garage With Office & Garden.
£200,000

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FEATURED PROPERTY

EPC C

ESSINGTON
SNEYD LANE

- Attractive Extended Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Extended Lounge
- Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility & WC
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Large Block Paved Driveway
- Delighful Rear Gardens

£239,950

FEATURED PROPERTY

EPC D

COPPICE FARM
NIGHTINGALE CRESCENT

- Modern Detached Property
- Prime location
- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Utility with wc
- Four Bedrooms
- En-suite
- Refitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Rear Garden
- Garage

£228,000

MANAGER'S CHOICE

EPC D

WILLENHALL
LAKESIDE CLOSE

- Superb Beautifully Presented Mid Terrace
- Ideal FTB or Investor Property
- Cul De Sac Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Hall
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Newly Fitted Kitchen
- Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking Space
- Rear Gardens

£97,500

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EPC C

WILLENHALL
HONEYBOURNE WAY

- Modern Link Detached
- Popular Estate
- Hall with Guests Wc
- Large Lounge ● Conservatory
- Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating ● Rear Gardens
- Garage & Driveway

£159,950

EPC D

WILLENHALL
HONEYBOURNE WAY

- Modern Detached Property
- Popular location
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Lounge ● Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Gas CH ● Double Glazing
- Garage ● Driveway
- Corner Plot Gardens

£157,000

EPC D

WILLENHALL
DURSLEY CLOSE

- Pleasantly Appointed Detached ● Corner Plot Location
- Potential to Extend (STPP) ● Three Bedrooms
- Gas Central Heating ● Majority UPVC Double Glazing
- Conservatory ● Double Length Garage
- Spacious Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Bathroom with White suite and shower ● Ample off road parking

OFFERS OVER £144,950

EPC C

WILLENHALL
BECCLES DRIVE

- Improved Modern Semi Detached
- Lounge with Feature Fireplace ● Dining Kitchen
- Three Good-Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom ● En-suite Shower Room
- Driveway ● Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing ● Gas Central Heating System

£135,000

REDUCED

EPC E

WILLENHALL
CADNAM CLOSE

- Modern Detached Property
- Lounge ● Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Garage & Driveway
- Rear Gardens

£134,950

EPC E

WILLENHALL
TRENTHAM AVENUE

- Extended End Terrace Property
- Spacious Lounge
- Large Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating ● Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Excellent Size Rear Gardens

£137,000

NO CHAIN

EPC E

COUNTY BRIDGE
CORONATION AVENUE

- Traditional Semi Detached
- No Chain
- Lounge
- Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens

£125,000

NO CHAIN

EPC B

ESSINGTON
HOUGH WAY

- First Floor Apartment
- Impressively Appointed
- Premier Cul-De-Sac Location
- Reception Hall ● Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking Space
- No Chain

OFFERS OVER £110,000

NO CHAIN

EPC E

WILLENHALL
LAKESIDE CLOSE

- Back To Back End Town House
- Cul De Sac Location
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Double Glazing
- Front Garden
- No Chain
- Ideal Investment Property

£79,995

NO CHAIN

EPC C

NEW INVENTION
HILTON ROAD

- Well presented mid terrace ● No chain
- Three good size bedrooms
- Hall with guest wc ● Superb refitted dining kitchen
- Lounge ● Refitted shower room
- Double glazing ● Gas CH ● Rear garden

OFFERS OVER £100,000

NO CHAIN

EPC C

WILLENHALL
KINGFISHER COURT, CLARKES LANE

- Superb First Floor Apartment
- Hall
- Lounge with Kitchen area
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Secured Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- No Chain

£72,000

NO CHAIN

EPC D

WILLENHALL
HALEY STREET

- Mid terraced property
- NO CHAIN
- Lounge ● Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Ground floor bathroom
- Double glazing
- Part gas central heating
- Driveway
- Rear gardens

£72,000

NO CHAIN

EPC E

ROSEHILL
ROSEHILL GARDENS

- Much Improved Second Floor Flat
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Lounge
- Refitted Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- External Storage Area
- Communal Gardens
- No Chain

£65,000

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

NEW | EPC TBC

SNEYD PARK
DRUID PARK ROAD

- Impressive Extended Modern Semi Detached
- Beautifully Presented
- Popular Cul De Sac Location
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Further Sitting/Play Room
- Extended Fitted Kitchen
- Guests WC
- Family Bathroom
- Long Driveway
- Garage (currently Utility & Store)
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Delightful Landscaped Rear Gardens

£179,500

NEW INSTRUCTION

NEW | EPC E

COUNTY BRIDGE
WORCESTER ROAD

- Much Improved Semi Detached in Popular Location
- Hall
- Through Lounge / Dining Room
- Impressive Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Block Paved Driveway
- Superb Large Rear Gardens
- No Chain

£135,000

FEATURED PROPERTY

REDUCED | EPC D

WILLENHALL
MEMORIAL CLOSE

- Superb Modern Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Hall
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Double Glazing
- Pleasant Gardens
- Driveway

OFFERS OVER £115,000

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NEW | EPC D

COPPICE FARM
COPPICE FARM WAY

- Extended Modern Style Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Lounge ● Dining Kitchen
- Three Good Size Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing ● Gas CH
- Tandem Garage ● Drive
- Rear Gardens
- No Chain

£147,500

NEW | EPC C

COPPICE FARM
COPPICE FARM WAY

- Beautifully Presented Extended Modern Style Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Lounge ● Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing ● Gas CH
- Carport ● Block Paved Drive
- Delightful Rear Gardens

OFFERS OVER £145,000

NEW | EPC C

WILLENHALL
WOLVERHAMPTON RD WEST

- Superb Modern Style Semi Detached
- Hall ● Lounge
- Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Delightful Side & Rear Gardens

£125,000

NEW | EPC C

WOODLANDS ESTATE
OREGON DRIVE

- Semi Detached Property in Popular Cul De Sac Location
- Two Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge
- Breakfast Kitchen ● Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Garage ● Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain

OFFERS OVER £115,000

NEW | EPC D

SHORT HEATH
JOHNSON ROAD

- Semi Detached Property
- Hall ● Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Driveway
- Rear Gardens
- No Chain

£109,950

NEW | EPC TBC

WILLENHALL
CLOTHIER STREET

- Mid Terrace Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Gated Driveway
- Rear Gardens

£95,000

NEW | EPC D

WILLENHALL
ALBION ROAD

- Period Mid Terrace
- Convenient Location
- Lounge ● Dining Room
- Large Dining Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens
- NO Chain

£82,000

NEW | EPC C

BENTLEY
ALMOND AVENUE

- Well Presented First Floor Maisonette
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge
- Large Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Rear Gardens

£75,000

REDUCED | EPC D

WILLENHALL
NOOSE LANE

- Exceptional Much Extended Semi Detached Bungalow
- Three Double Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Lounge
- Large Dining Kitchen ● Utility
- Double Garage
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Extensive Rear Gardens

£185,000

NO CHAIN | EPC E

SUMMER HAYES
FARBROOK WAY

- Extended Detached ● No Chain
- Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Gas CH ● Majority Double Glazing
- Pleasant Rear Gardens
- Garage ● Utility with WC
- Driveway

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £169,000

REDUCED | EPC D

BARMOUTH CLOSE
WILLENHALL

- Modern Style Detached Property
- Large Lounge ● Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Utility with Guests WC
- Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Integral Garage ● Gardens
- No Chain

£165,000

REDUCED | EPC D

SHORT HEATH
REID AVENUE

- Superb modern dormer bungalow
- Corner plot location
- Three double bedrooms
- Ground floor bathroom
- Large lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Double glazing ● Gas CH
- Garage ● Driveway
- Corner gardens

£149,950

NO CHAIN | EPC D

SUMMER HAYES
EDINBURGH DRIVE

- Extended semi detached bungalow
- Popular cul-de-sac location
- Two bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Through Lounge ● Dining room
- Kitchen
- Double glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Large driveway ● Pleasant gardens
- No chain

£139,995

NO CHAIN | EPC E

WILLENHALL
DURHAM AVENUE

- Traditional Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- No Chain ● Hall
- Lounge ● Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Driveway
- Pleasant Rear Gardens

£110,000

REDUCED | EPC E

SHORT HEATH
LICHFIELD ROAD

- Extended Semi Detached
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bedroom
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Gardens
- No Chain

OFFERS OVER £100,000

NO CHAIN | EPC C

NEW INVENTION
SQUIRES GROVE

- Well presented second floor flat
- Two bedrooms
- Large lounge with dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- En-suite
- Bathroom ● Double glazing
- Allocated parking space
- Possibility to be a Higher %
- No chain

£37,000 FOR 40% OWNERSHIP

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

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EPC D

BLOXWICH
ABINGDON WAY

- SPACIOUS AND VERSATILE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- FOUR FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS PLUS DOWNSTAIRS BEDROOM FIVE/ 2ND RECEPTION ROOM WITH ADJACENT WET ROOM
- 19FT BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- VIEWING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

£129,950 OFFERS

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MANAGERS CHOICE

NEW

EPC D

WALSALL
ELM ROAD

- ●●IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE●●
- PLEASANT TWO BEDROOM SEMI WITH OFF ROAD PARKING TO THE FRONT
- LOUNGE AND FITTED KITCHEN
- UPSTAIRS FITTED BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING & UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- GARDEN AT REAR

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £90,000

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NEW

EPC -

BLOXWICH
GLASTONBURY CRESCENT

- PLEASANT CORNER PLOT SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY WITH THREE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS
- REAR GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM FOUR PLUS SHOWER ROOM
- EXTENSION THOUGHT IDEAL FOR DEPENDENT RELATIVE OR TEENAGER SUITE
- AMPLE OFF ROAD PARKING FOR SEVERAL VEHICLES
- NO UPWARD CHAIN, VIEWING ESSENTIAL!!

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £125,000

EPC C

PELSALL
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

- THREE BEDROOM END TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- RE-FITTED KITCHEN
- GARAGE
- UTILITY SPACE
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN WITH PAVED PATIO AREA
- VIEWINGS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

£139,950 OFFERS

EPC C

ESSINGTON
HIGH HILL

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED TRADITIONAL STYLE DETACHED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- 21FT THROUGH LOUNGE/ DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN WITH INTEGRATED APPLIANCES
- ATTRACTIVE ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- BLOCK PAVES DRIVEWAY
- INTERNAL VIEWINGS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!

£220,000 OFFERS

REDUCED

EPC: D

LEAMORE, WALSALL
BLAKENALL LANE

- BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED EXTENDED FAMILY HOME
- THREE BEDROOM MID TOWN HOUSE
- FAMILY BATHROOM & DOWNSTAIRS SHOWER ROOM
- OPEN PLAN THROUGH LOUNGE DINER
- ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN, GATED DRIVEWAY
- VIEWING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!

£104,950 OFFERS

EPC E

BLOXWICH
BENTON CRESCENT

- PLEASANT SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- SITUATED IN POPULAR LOCATION
- THREE BEDROOMS
- 21FT FITTED DINING KITCHEN
- FITTED BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- GENEROUS REAR GARDEN
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£109,950 OFFERS

EPC: D

BLOXWICH
BROAD LANE

- SUPERB THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY IN POPULAR BROAD LANE LOCATION
- EXCELLENT CONSERVATORY
- 17FT FITTED DINING KITCHEN
- LOVELY ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN
- VIEWING ESSENTIAL!!

£120,000 OFFERS IN EXCESS OF

EPC: D

BEECHDALE, WALSALL
HADLEY WAY

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY WITH GARAGE TO THE REAR
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- THREE BEDROOMS, TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- EXTENDED FITTED KITCHEN
- ATTRACTIVE ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- INTERNAL VIEWING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!!

£99,950 OFFERS

REDUCED

EPC: B

LEAMORE, WALSALL
EAGLEWORKS DRIVE

- WELL PRESENTED MODERN STYLE GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT WITH PRIVATE ENTRANCE
- TWO BEDROOMS
- OPEN PLAN LIVING SPACE & KITCHEN
- GATED ALLOCATED PARKING
- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE!

£49,950 50% SHARED OWNERSHIP

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

WALSALL
GUILD AVENUE

- CORNER PLOT RE-FITTED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY THOUGHT IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME PURCHASERS
- TWO BEDROOMS
- EXCELLENT RE FITTED DINING KITCHEN WITH OVEN AND HOB
- RE FITTED BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- NEW FITTED CARPETS THROUGHOUT
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- NO CHAIN, VIEWING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED!!

£100,000 OFFERS

FEATURED PROPERTY

BLOXWICH
ABBEY SQUARE

- PLEASANT EXTENDED MID TOWN HOUSE THOUGHT IDEAL FOR A YOUNG FAMILY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- SPLIT LEVEL SITTING/ DINING ROOM
- FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- PLEASANT FRONT AND REAR GARDENS
- NO UPWARD CHAIN

£99,950 OFFERS

MANAGERS CHOICE

WALSALL
TRENT PLACE

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY THOUGHT IDEAL FOR FIRST TIME PURCHASERS
- TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS
- 19FT THROUGH LOUNGE
- FITTED KITCHEN INC OVEN AND HOB
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- ATTRACTIVE ENCLOSED REAR GARDEN
- BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY TO THE FORE

£92,500 OFFERS

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WALSALL
SMITHFIELD ROAD

- MUCH IMPROVED TRADITIONAL STYLE SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS
- SUPERB FITTED KITCHEN WITH APPLIANCES
- UPSTAIRS FITTED SHOWER ROOM
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- INTERNAL VIEWING STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

£124,950 OFFERS

LITTLE BLOXWICH
GRENFELL ROAD

- WELL APPOINTED EXTENDED DETACHED PROPERTY
- FIVE BEDROOMS AND AN EN SUITE SHOWER
- LOUNGE AND DINING ROOMS
- WELL EQUIPPED FITTED KITCHEN
- DOWNSTAIRS W.C
- RE FITTED BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- GARAGE AND CAR PORT

£195,000 OFFERS

REEDSWOOD
PARKVIEW CRESCENT

- EXTENDED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY
- THREE BEDROOMS • SHOWER ROOM
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- LOUNGE AND DINING AREAS
- EXTENDED KITCHEN
- GARAGE AND BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY

£139,950 OFFERS

PELSALL
PLANT WAY

- SITUATED IN POPULAR PELSALL LOCATION, CUL DE SAC POSITION
- END TOWN HOUSE STYLE PROPERTY WITH THREE BEDROOMS, RE- FITTED KITCHEN AND A CONSERVATORY
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM WITH SHOWER
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY
- REAR GARDENS
- NO UPWARD CHAIN, VIEWING RECOMMENDED!!

£110,000 OFFERS IN EXCESS OF

REEDSWOOD, WALSALL
CONWY CLOSE

- IDEAL FIRST TIME PURCHASE
- VERY NICE TWO BEDROOM MODERN PROPERTY CONVENIENT FOR M6 MOTORWAY LINKS
- GAS CENTRAL HEATING
- UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED WINDOWS
- 16FT REAR LOUNGE WITH FRENCH DOORS
- PARKING AT THE FORE

£115,000 OFFERS

LEAMORE, WALSALL
BEATRICE STREET

- TRADITIONAL STYLE THREE BEDROOM SEMI IN CONVENIENT LOCATION OFF BLOXWICH ROAD
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- FIRST FLOOR BATHROOM
- GARAGE AND OFF ROAD PARKING

£96,500 OFFERS

BLOXWICH
BOOTH STREET

- PLEASANTLY APPOINTED SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY CLOSE TO BLOXWICH TOWN
- THREE BEDROOMS, DOWNSTAIRS W.C,
- SUPERB FAMILY BATHROOM
- OFF ROAD PARKING, INTERNAL VIEWING RECOMMENDED!

£94,995 OFFERS

BLOXWICH
MILLFIELD AVENUE

- PLEASANT GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
- ONE BEDROOM
- MODERN STYLE RE-FITTED KITCHEN
- RE-FITTED MODERN STYLE SHOWER ROOM
- IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY! VIEWING RECOMMENDED!

£65,000 OFFERS

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Bloxwich
Stafford Road

- Extended Four Bedroom Detached
- Two Reception Rooms•Extended Kitchen
- Study/Laundry/Guest W.C.
- En-Suite•Family Bathroom
- Conservatory•Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £350,000

Walsall
Lichfield Road

- Six Bedroom Victorian Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms•Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/Guest W.C.•Off Road Parking
- En-Suite/Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in Excess of £280,000

Bloxwich
Lichfield Road

- Extended Four Bed Detached
- Block Paved Driveway•Garage
- Extensive Rear Garden
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £314,950

Bloxwich
Stamping Way

- Four Bedroom Three Storey
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen/Diner• En-Suite
- Family Bathroom•Detached Garage
- Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £219,950

Bloxwich
Wallington Close

- EXTENDED THREE BED BUNGALOW
- Cul-De-Sac location•Large Lounge
- Extended L'Shaped Kitchen/Diner
- Utility•Bathroom•Detached Garage
- Front,Rear & Side Garden•ORP

In the Region of £210,000

Willenhall
Gorey Close

- Extended Three Bedroom Detached
- Three Reception Rooms•Kitchen/Diner
- Utility/W.C.•Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £187,950

Willenhall
Ravenscroft Road

NEW

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Sitting Room/Bedroom
- Wet Room
- Fitted Family Bathroom

In the Region of £139,950

Willenhall
Sandringham Avenue

- Extended Four Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Extended Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory•Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden•Garage & Off Road Parking

In the Region of £179,995

Bloxwich
Wallington Heath

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Through Lounge
- Fitted Breakfast/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Fitted Wardrobes in Master Bedroom

In the Region of £158,000

Willenhall
John Riley Drive

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Lounge•Family Bathroom
- Fitted Kitchen•D.Glazing & Gas Heating
- Driveway•Integral Garage
- Front & Rear Gardens

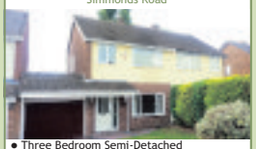
In the Region of £142,500

Willenhall
Edinburgh Drive

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Family Bathroom

In the Region of £139,995

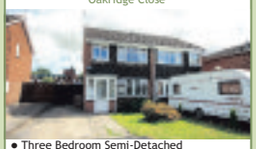
Bloxwich
Simmonds Road



- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Fully Refurbished
- Lounge
- Newly Fitted Kitchen/Diner
- Utility

In the Region of £138,950

Willenhall
Oakridge Close



- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Cul-de-Sac location

In the Region Of £134,950

Walsall
West Bromwich Road

- Extended Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen
- Down Stairs Bathroom
- Upstairs Shower Room•Gardens
- Off Road Parking

In the Region of £125,000

Rushall
Station Road

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Well Maintained Rear Garden

Offers in Excess of £120,000

Willenhall
Lichfield Road

- Two Bedroom End-Terrace
- Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Rear Garden

In the Region of £114,995

Walsall
Tame Street East

- Three Bedroom Terraced Property
- D.Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Downstairs W.C.
- Bathroom•Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking•No Upward Chain

Offers in excess of £110,000

Bloxwich
Central Drive

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Potential for Extension
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom

In the Region of £110,000

Willenhall
Chatsworth Close

- Two Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge•Fitted Kitchen•Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Detached Garage
- Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £110,000

Willenhall
Walkers Fold

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge/Diner•Fitted Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £107,950

Willenhall
Wychbold Close

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Kitchen/Diner•Lounge
- Cloakroom W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens

Offers in Excess of £100,000

Bloxwich
Marlborough Street

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Lounge•Kitchen•Cloakroom W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £95,000

Willenhall
Squires Grove

- Two Bedroom Second Floor Apartment
- Lounge with Juliet Balcony
- Fitted Kitchen•En-Suite
- Family Bathroom
- Communal Grounds & Allocated Parking

In the Region of £95,000

Halford Crescent,Walsall

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge•Through Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden
- D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £95,000

Walsall
Woodcutter Close

- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Spacious Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ideal for First Time Buyers
- Excellent Transport Links

In the Region of £94,950

NEW

Bloxwich
Evesham Crescent

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge•Kitchen•Family Bathroom
- Garage and Front & Rear Gardens

In the Region of £92,500

Bloxwich
West Street

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Double Bedrooms

In the Region of £92,000

Walsall
Moncrieffe Street

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Extended Fitted Kitchen•Family Bathroom
- Rear Courtyard & Garden
- D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating

In the Region of £87,000

Walsall
Ryle Street

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge•Kitchen/Diner
- Family Bathroom•Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating (Where Specified)

Offers in Excess of £80,000

Walsall
Raleigh Street

- Two Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Two Double Bedrooms

Offers in Excess of £80,000

Bloxwich
Blakenall Lane

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Potential to Extend
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.

Offers in Excess of £80,000

Walsall
Cope Street

- Three Bedroom End-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen•Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden•Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

Offers in Excess of £75,000

Willenhall
Clarkes Lane

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge•Fitted Kitchen
- Utility Room•Family Bathroom
- Communal Grounds
- Double Glazing•Gas Heating

£70,000

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NEW

Bloxwich
Woodall Street

- Four Bedroom Detached
- Through Lounge/Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen•Guest Cloakroom W.C.
- Garage & Off Road Parking•Gardens

£750 PCM

Bloxwich
Woodall Street

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom
- En-Suite
- Gardens•Garage
- Off Road Parking, Sorry NO DHSS

£675 PCM

Walsall
Loriners Grove

- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen•Fitted Bathroom
- Communal Grounds
- Allocated Gated Parking

£550 PCM

Bloxwich
West Street

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- NEWLY REFURBISHED
- Lounge•Kitchen and Bathroom
- Double Glazing•Front & Rear Gardens
- Conservatory•DHSS Accepted

£550 PCM

Bloxwich
Evesham Crescent

- THREE BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Lounge•Kitchen•Family Bathroom
- Garage and Front & Rear Gardens

£500 PCM

Bloxwich
Margam Crescent

- THREE BED TERRACE PROPERTY
- D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Side Passage
- Front and Rear Gardens

£525 PCM

Walsall
Manorhouse Close

- Two Bed Apartment
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Ensuite
- Sorry No DHSS,Pets or Smokers

£500 PCM

NEW

Bloxwich
Sneyd Lane

- Three Bedroom Property
- Modern Kitchen•Lounge•Dining Room
- Downstairs Cloakroom and Bathroom
- Central Heating•Double Glazing
- Rear Garden and Front Driveway•DHSS

£500 PCM

Walsall
West Bromwich Road

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Open Plan Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen•Ground Floor Bathroom
- Gardens•Gas Central Heating
- Sorry No DHSS

£475 PCM

Bloxwich
Green Lane

- Three Bed Terraced property
- D.Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Kitchen
- Utility Area
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- DHSS Accepted

£495 PCM

Walsall
Borneo Street

- Three Bedroom Terrace
- 2 Reception Rooms•Dining Room
- Kitchen•Family Bathroom
- Double Glazing•Rear Garden
- Majority Gas Heating•DHSS Accepted

£475 PCM

Bloxwich
Blakenall Lane

- THREE BED MID-TERRACE
- Gas Central Heating
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Recently Refurbished Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£475 PCM

Walker Road
Guild Court

- Two Bedroom Apartments
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom • Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing • Allocated Parking
- DHSS Accepted

£450 PCM

Bloxwich
Signal Grove

- Two Bedroom End Town House
- Lounge•Family Kitchen•Bathroom
- D.Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Front Garden•Allocated Parking

£450 PCM

Walsall
Basalt Close

- Two Bedroom End of Terraced
- Lounge•Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom•ORP
- D.Glazing and Electric Heating
- Sorry No DHSS

£450 PCM

Willenhall
Ernest Clark Close

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Double Glazing and Gas Central Heating
- Large Storage Cupboard•Bathroom
- Fitted Kitchen•Lounge/Dining Room
- DHSS Accepted•Sorry No Pets or Smokers

£450 PCM

Blakenhall Heath
Church Walk, Parish Court

- Two Bed Apartment
- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- D.Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS Accepted

£425 PCM

Bloxwich
Elmore Green Close

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge
- Separate Kitchen
- Bathroom with Shower over Bath
- D.Glazing and Electric Heating

£425 PCM

Walsall
Terret Close

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge with French Doors
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Allocated Parking
- Sorry NO DHSS, Pets or Smokers

From £425 PCM

Walsall
Kent Street

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Rear Garden

£410 PCM

Bloxwich
Harrison Street

- Two Bedroom Flat
- Lounge/Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- DHSS Accepted
- D.Glazing•Electric heating

£400 PCM

Bloxwich
High Street

- Two Bedroom Two Floor Flat
- Electric Storage Heating and D.Glazing
- Fitted Kitchen•Large Lounge
- Bathroom
- Sorry No DHSS, Pets or Smokers

£400 PCM

Walsall
Bloxwich Road

- One Bed Flats
- Lounge
- Kitchen•Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS Accepted

From £350 PCM

Walsall
Moat Road

- Two Bed Flat above retail premises
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- DHSS Accepted

£350 PCM

Walsall
Harden Close

- Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge•Kitchen•Bathroom
- Rear Garden•D.Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- DHSS Accepted

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Clear move from diesels

New car buyers are moving back towards petrol engines after years of diesel domination, if Ford's latest sales figures are any guide.

The company has revealed that its multi-award-winning 1.0-litre Ecoboost turbocharged petrol engine now powers one in every five cars sold in Europe, totalling 120,000 vehicles from January to the end of June.

That figure is an increase from 104,000 1.0-litre Ecoboost-powered cars sold in the same period in 2013.

Within the statistics there is a clear move away from diesel in some sectors, with the B-Max showing 47 per cent of sales going to the smallest Ecoboost unit. One third (33 per cent) of Focus buyers also went for the same engine.

"Customers are clearly enjoying the benefits from a small engine that offers great fuel efficiency with no compromise to refinement or performance," said Barb Samardzich, chief operating officer, Ford of Europe.

"The range of models offering the 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine will rise to 11 when the all-new Mondeo is launched in the coming months, and the new 140 PS version in the Fiesta Red Edition and Black Edition shows there is even more potential."

The engine is the first to win the international Engine of the Year accolade three times running, and is available in 99bhp, 123bhp and 138bhp versions according to model choice.

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Peugeot's new estate will tick all the boxes for families

By Ian Donaldson

Peugeot has been very thorough in adapting its current European Car of the Year for the role of load lugging estate to take on some formidable opposition.

It means the new 308 SW can stand its corner against the likes of a VW Golf, SEAT Leon or Ford Focus as family holdall with more practicality than a hatchback.

To make sure the SW is up to the mark in the down to earth world of family motoring, it has front and rear wheels further apart than on the hatchback, with a little of the extra room devoted to rear seat passengers, but most of the extra space released for luggage.

Ramping up the practicality quotient, the split/folding rear seats flop forward at the pull of a couple of levers in the boot sides to give a floor so near perfectly flat you'll never notice the tiny incline, unlike the ski slope of some other estates and SUVs.

The resultant 1,660 litres of load space betters the Golf and SEAT by a little (both with 1,620 litres), while the Focus, with 1,502 litres of space, is kicked into the long grass.

Boon

A useful added touch of practicality is the little ski hatch between the seats that will be a boon on trips to the DIY store for long, thin bits of wood. Also, the boot cover retracts into its own cassette, which then stows securely out of the way in a slot under the boot floor.

Peugeot missed a trick by not letting the front passenger seat flop forward to get the absolute most out of the space inside their new machine, but otherwise they've done a thorough job of the move from hatch to estate.

So thorough that the £700 premium for all that extra stowage space and a little more room in the back seats looks more than reasonable.

The 308 SW range starts at £16,845 for a version powered by Peugeot's new 1.2-litre engine; a three-cylinder unit chosen for its economy potential and the same basic design that's rapidly becoming an industry standard in the race to cut consumption and exhaust pipe pollution.

The range then expands to take in more powerful version of the same 1.2-litre petrol unit, along with a couple of diesels, with 1.6 and 2.0-litre displacements, and tops out at £25,145 for a bells and whistles Feline trim car with automatic gears.

Every 308 SW shares the same dashboard found in the hatchback, which means drivers new to the car will need to get used to a tiny steering wheel designed to let you see the instrument panel over the top of the rim not through it, like you find in just about every other car made this last half century.

Bold

It's a bold design move from Peugeot and there are people who never find the new arrangement as easily mastered as taking the conventional route. Lots of others soon don't notice, while enjoying the mildly go-kart feel imparted by that small steering wheel.

Design feature number two is a dashboard almost devoid of switches, with just about everything consigned to a big screen activated by a tap or two of the driver's fingers. It certainly declutters the cockpit but renders some apparently simple commands (changing the radio channel, adjusting temperatures, for instance) more complex than before.

The 308 SW drives in precisely the same manner as its slightly smaller hatchback sibling, which means it's up there with the class best in terms of ride and ability to tackle a corner with zest and aplomb.

Those are two words you didn't associate with Peugeot for years, but the brand is rediscovering its mojo, which used to mean an easy going sense of style, and hopefully is back on track.

Couple that with the deeply drawn practicality of the new SW version of the 308 (and the near certainty of beating 40mpg however you drive) and Peugeot's winning streak looks set to continue.

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(1) impose a 50 miles per hour speed restriction on the southbound carriageway of the M6 from a point 400 metres south of the centreline of Bentley Lane overbridge, for a distance of 2000 metres;
(2) close various lanes of the southbound carriageway of the M6 from a point 1000 metres north of the centrepoint of M6 Junction 9, for a distance of 600 metres and allow traffic to run on the hard shoulder.

Work will be carried out over one night between 22:00 hours and 05:00 hours and is expected to start on Tuesday 9 September 2014. The Order will come into force on Tuesday 2 September 2014.

Vehicles being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes and vehicles being used for special forces purposes will be exempt from the speed limit and closures.

For further information, please contact Michael Nichols on 0117 372 8216.

Mike Lloyd, a Higher Executive Officer in the Highways Agency.

Walsall Council, Planning and Building Control
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) act 1990 Development Management Procedure Order 2010 (as amended)
The below applications have been made to the Walsall Council. Applications can be viewed at First Stop Shop, Civic Centre, Walsall or online www.walsall.gov.uk/planning. Representations can be made online, email: planningservices@walsall.gov.uk or in writing to Head of Planning and Building Control, Civic Centre, Darwall Street, Walsall, WS1 1DG. Representations should be made within 21 days of the date of this notice.
Please note: Your letter and personal details will form part of the planning file which is a public document and will be available for inspection at the Council Offices. The information may be released as part of a request under the Freedom of Information Act.
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JANET tall beautiful brunette, slim 12, separated, enjoys life, no hang ups, wanting quality time, friendship and possible romance with similar guy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413415**

ANNA, busty mature lady seeks no strings discreet meetings with male any age or location. **Tel No: 0905 002 1956 Box 366019**

SUSIE discreet married lady, young 36yrs seeks uncomplicated times with man any age or area, all texts answered. **Text only Box: 4459437**

ANITA seeking nice man in the West Midlands, 50-70 for companionship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413765**

SONYA slim attractive vibrant lady with GSOH, social nature, fit/active, WLTM N/S male up to 60yrs for romantic genuine respectful relationship, loving. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413441**

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EMMA petite slim blue eyed blonde 22yrs, likes cinema, dancing/music, just chillin, seeking easygoing male for fun and good times but nothing serious. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413207**

ZOE, 25yrs, very naughty seeks man any age for broad minded no strings fun and games. **Tel No: 0905 002 1933 Box 409719**

FELICITY professional female, 32yrs, blonde, curvy, fun. Travels a lot and wltm chap for occasional fun on my travels. **Text only Box: 4459438**

EUROPEAN beauty romantic, caring, attentive, looking for loving male to enjoy warm loving relationship with, call me to find out more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413013**

KAREN 34 blue/green eyed size 12 attractive brunette who loves pubs, cosy nights in, kids, seeking special honest guy/dad for poss ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413005**

SUE, 38yrs, passionate, broadminded and feisty seeks discreet fun with "mr wrong". Aca. **Tel No: 0905 002 1937 Box 413007**

ROSA 27 sexy senorita seeking older handsome prince charming to whisk me off my feet, enjoy fun times, improve my English and fall in love with. Age/race unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412927**

LORRAINE 5ft 9ins, slim, 57, nurse, looking for someone to look after me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410543**

RITA attractive blonde with a very kind heart seeks special man to share my life with. Please get in touch if like me you are fed up with always being the single friend. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412987**

JAN 5ft8ins slim pretty lady in great shape, openminded, laidback, GSOH, OHAC, many interests, WLTM someone for cuddling up with and to share good and bad times. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412931**

ANN slim attractive N/S lady who is easy to get along with, looking for romantic interesting man for new adventures together, hopefully ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412911**

JULIE loving, caring, honest, seeks real gent to share conversation and have a great time, friendship/relationship, who knows? **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412777**

SALLY stunning lady looking for dinner dates, partying and generally having a good time with generous man looking for his mojo! No strings, go on call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412599**

DEBS petite attractive auburn haired, good listener, romantic, enjoys socialising, cosy nights in with Mr Right, seeking similar caring N/S single dad. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412387**

JAN slim curvy professional warm, affectionate, looking to fill full time vacancy with similar male who loves cuddles/kisses and bikes for romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412167**

ATTRACTIVE slim brunette, 47, N/S, seeks tall, slim male for a cut above the average relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412725**

KAREN pretty blonde, short in stature, big personality, keeps fit, loves dogs, seeking honest, caring male who can make me laugh. Nothing too serious just fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412377**

JEAN petite female who enjoys golf, days out, cosy evenings in, holidays, WLTM older male in his 60's with a good personality and big heart. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412359**

JULIE really fun loving slim pretty female 38 looking for nice guy to go out with, get to know and hopefully enjoy a relationship with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411517**

GWENDOLINE honest, trustworthy, seeks caring gent who enjoys cinema, theatre, holidays and nights out for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412293**

DIANE voluptuous curvy and all woman, loves dancing, walking, cosy nights in, WLTM nice man for friendship, hopefully leading to something more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412321**

SARA bored blonde looking for single gents for fun, chats and meets, looking forward to hearing from you, don't be shy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412055**

EMMA petite young looking 31yr old attractive single brunette, loves walking, talking, music, seeks honest romantic 30-40yrs. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412037**

ANNABELL 29 slim sophisticated well travelled interesting sensual fit brunette with lots to offer seeks older male to appreciate and treat me well. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412177**

KAREN slim, tall, attractive 36yr old normal female who likes shopping, socialising, nights in/out seeking thoughtful genuine male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412041**

KIM 25yrs feminine, pretty, big blue eyes, GSOH, varied interests, likes romantic beach walks, cosy nights in, seeking honest loving man for ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411777**

SUE 38, attractive broadminded attentive, enjoys meals in/out etc, not necessarily looking for Mr Right as Mr Wrong or even Mr Right now could be fun! Call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411049**

CAROL young 47, caring, loyal, likes music, concerts, cinema, theatre, seeks male with similar interests for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411919**

PROFESSIONAL black lady, likes cooking, music, countryside, seeking honest, reliable gent, possibly farmer for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411763**

VICKY 37yr professional, mum to one, sensual and very attractive, looking for a real man, tall, fit, sincere and passionate to enjoy each other's company. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411695**

LUCY beautiful busty bubbly blonde 32yrs, seeking naughty boy to enjoy the fun side of life with, age, status and looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411691**

LINDA single and living alone, attractive, young looking, bubbly, WLTM similar young at heart companion to be close with, enjoy chats and romantic dates. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410119**

WIDOW 68, 5ft 5ins, medium build, attractive, likes walks, reading, holidays, seeks sincere, N/S male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411745**

JEAN young at heart lady, active, 70 plus, N/S, GSOH, likes walks, gardening, outings, WLTM sincere, caring male, 69-74 for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411711**

TINA sexy black female looking for healthy distractions with fun adult companion, interested? You won't be disappointed, give me a call. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411519**

LYNNE young looking attractive Indian female with GSOH and down to earth attitude, looking for likeminded male for date nights, hopefully more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411219**

EMMIE 50, attractive brunette, 5ft 3ins, OHAC, likes country walks, music, reading, seeks genuine, friendly, professional male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411281**

RETIRED happy, caring, attractive female, likes gardening, travel, animals, comedy, seeks tall, funny, kind chap, Shropshire. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411459**

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SUE 34, likes most things in life, even football! looking for my Mr Wonderful thought I would give this a try. Come on what do we have to loose, call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410765**

CAROL slim attractive blonde, sporty, easy going, broadminded looking for likeminded male with plenty of va va voom, 35-45. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409717**

SUSAN 64, lively, seeking male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411329**

ANGIE attractive slim blonde just looking for a lovely spontaneous guy who like me just wants good company and a nice relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410641**

JANE attractive, feminine open-minded mature female genuinely looking for adult fun. No time wasters please. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409715**

KATHERINE 35yr old outgoing single female looking to enjoy dates with similar male also looking for fun times in or out. Age, looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410565**

PAULINE attractive divorced female with no ties, employed with my own home, likes nights in/out, lots of tlc to give to the right person, call me for a chat, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411039**

JEN attractive sensual petite blonde with OHAC seeks confident fit professional male to enjoy and share good times, if that's you pls get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410949**

ARE you dark or bald, with hairy chest, well built, educated, verbal, articulate dom or sub, broadminded and ready to be put in your place? Curious to find out more? call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410637**

29YR old black beautiful busty tall loving very sensual lady, likes football, making friends, seeking genuine white male for enjoyable loving relationship. pls no time wasters. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410577**

YOUNG early 40's female, GSOH, kind, caring, considerate, seeks male for friendship, possible romance. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410847**

CAROL 38 attractive romantic not looking for fairy tales just happy endings, seeking lovely male to put the sparkle back into my life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410721**

CLAIRE voluptuous tall feminine attractive lady who loves good company, fine wine/food, travel, WLTM tall professional for romance dates and hopeful ltr. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410627**

MICHELLE 37, looking for laughter fun and romance with the right guy, if you could be him and have nothing to loose call me for a chat. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410415**

TAYLOR 21 black beautiful classy intelligent, loves to have lots of fun and enjoy life to the full, seeking mature guy to make me happy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409911**

WENDY 50, blue eyes, 5ft 7ins, likes music, meals out, seeks white male, 45-55 with similar interests and GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410499**

73YR old Hereford lady, GSOH, young at heart, many interests, seeks caring, genuine gent of similar age for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410331**

NICKY bubbly curvy fun blonde, varied interests, enjoys meals out, holidays, seeking N/S male with GSOH for possible ltr. Looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410479**

KAREN 32 a hardworking petite blonde, enjoys nights out, music, etc, WLTM for more than just friendship with similar chilled, kind, easy going guy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410461**

LIZ 5ft 7ins, attractive, outgoing, likes walks, dogs, cooking, seeks male for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410395**

JILL 50, attractive, 5ft, blonde, own home, no ties, likes films, reading, travel, music, good social circle, seeking that someone special. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410105**

ATTRACTIVE professional lady, 56, enjoys country walks, meals out, seeks professional gent with GSOH to enjoy the good things in life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409895**

ELAINE attractive 39yr old blonde single mum seeking respectful male/dad with similar interests for adult friendship, hopefully leading to love. looks unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410117**

DONNA 27yrs blue eyed blonde with cute dimpled smile, loves socialising but looking for that special someone with GSOH to cuddle up with, enjoy fun/good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409733**

28YR old female, seeking male with GSOH for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408639**

MARGARET OHAC, professional, sincere, adventurous, loving, kind, solvent lady who enjoys most things WLTM caring male with similar refined tastes. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407925**

ATTRACTIVE 49yr old divorced lady, looking for honest, reliable man for LTR, 49-60. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409955**

ABBA girl blonde lookalike, size 16, attractive, bubbly, OHAC, seeking solvent, refined, handsome guy with full head of hair, 5ft 9ins plus, professional and courteous. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409151**

NEETA Black beauty, classy, intelligent 21yrs, loves to enjoy life, have lots of fun and be spoilt, give me a call. Any age, looks and status. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409101**

HI I'm Jo, first timer, newly divorced perfect size 10, blonde, attractive, tactile and looking to fall in love again. Age unimportant, dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 409089**

SUSIE 32yr old nurse who likes cosy nights in with a good bottle of wine and spending quality times with great company, if you feel the same pls get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408877**

BABS 27yrs slender with dark haired passionate Italian who loves to dance, eat out, looking for nice n/s male to spend quality adult time with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 407943**

BUBBLY 60 plus lady, slim, fair hair, comfy in jeans and leather jacket, seeks similar male for friendship etc. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408859**

JOANNA 34, in need of tlc, wining, dining being treated like the princess I am, looking for sugar daddy, that someone special to love me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408869**

MARIA gorgeous outgoing bbw 27, good fun, caring, romantic, looking for that special someone to share life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408733**

KIM attractive single lady new to area looking for meet new friends and maybe a new love interest. I have many hobbies and am interesting to know, pls call me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408489**

TAYLOR attractive very busty curvy black female looking for fun times with open-minded male who is also looking for fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 408311**

Men seeking women

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MALE 42, 5ft 5, med build, wltm lady/single mum for friendship maybe more. No time wasters. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4473878**

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MALE seeking female companion for outings, friendship and holidays. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412705**

ROBERT 59, N/S, fit, slim, seeks attractive slim female for discreet no strings friendship and fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413655**

MALE 49, 6ft, seeks lady for discreet fun times. Must accom. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413819**

ALAN 49, seeks lady for discreet no strings fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413757**

BLACK guy 68, feels 45, looks 40, seeks female, 58-71, GSOH, genuine, caring for fun times and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413375**

TALL Indian gent, 53, seeks sensual lady for friendship plus, interesting chap, discreet days in and nights out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413315**

JOHN 70, tall, slim, seeking female for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413183**

GENT widower, late 60's, looks younger, GSOH, likes music, good food, country pursuits, seeks female, 50-60 for friendship/relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413173**

TONY young looking 50's male, 5ft 8ins, many interests, easy going, seeks slim rock chick or similar for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413275**

6FT 1ins slim, dark hair, likes walking, animals, seeking medium build female, 60-80 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413193**

JEFF young 62, N/S, tall, fit, energetic, seeking new female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413053**

JOHN 5ft 10ins, slim, GSOH, various interests, seeks female for friendship/relationship, 35-52. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413107**

RETIRED male, seeking no strings adult fun and frolics, discretion assured, age/status unimportant. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413067**

TONY young looking 50, 5ft 8ins, slim, seeks slim rock chick, trendy for dates and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413049**

KEVIN 53, looking for a friend/partner and a lover. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412869**

NORTH Shropshire male, 67, N/S, solvent, GSOH, likes walks, travel, music, holidays, countryside, seeks N/S lady for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412867**

MAURICE gentleman, 59, gentle, kind, caring, loving, generous, seeks lady with GSOH and similar personality, slim-medium build. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412859**

STEPHEN 58, good looking, likes art, travel, seeking female, 50 plus for companionship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412633**

MALCOLM 61, smoker, great personality, likes coach holidays, drives, pubs, meals out, nights out, 60's music, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412523**

TONY 52, dark hair, white male, 6ft, confident, GSOH, seeks black female. Genuine ad. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412481**

TALL 42yr old sincere male, caring, honest, loving, seeking female, 30-40 for fun, friendship and good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412483**

ALAN tall widower, 76, looking for female of similar age who enjoys meals out, holidays, walks and holidays. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412261**

ROY mid 60's, N/S, car driver, young outlook, seeks lady for friendship. West Bromwich area. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412083**

TALL slim gent, 60, seeks slim, attractive lady for no strings relationship. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412227**

IAN 65, romantic, likes to wine/dine, days out, seeking younger female for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412087**

MARK fun loving, easy going, fair hair blue eyes, athletic, tanned, looking for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411989**

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FIT bubbly male, athletic, blue eyes, short fair hair, easy going, loving, GSOH, seeking female for no strings fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411901**

TALL attractive Shrewsbury male, 54, seeks attractive female for fun and excitement in the daytime. Discretion assured. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411823**

TIGER Woods lookalike, seeking pretty BBW for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411801**

MALE 74, fit, N/S, OHAC, seeks slim lady of similar age for days out, holidays and walks. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411673**

TALL mature male, seeks younger, attractive mixed race lady for spoiling and pampering. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411505**

PHIL genuine male, 57, OHAC, looking for female, any race, status and age for no strings discreet fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411461**

DEE 49, divorced, handsome, fit, slim, seeks lady, any age for lasting, meaningful relationship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411415**

MARK 5ft 11ins, blond hair, blue eyes, slim-medium build, athletic, likes nights in/out, socialising, meals out, pubs, seeks female with similar interests and GSOH for fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411335**

SLIM attractive Asian male, GSOH, seeks likeminded discreet female for adult friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411305**

MALE 67, seeking lady 30-50 for friendship/companionship and occasional days/nights out. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411293**

INTELLIGENT sincere Shropshire male, slim, young 60's, playfully assertive, seeking complimentary, responsive, feminine lady, 50-60's who enjoys music, books, the arts and countryside.0906 500 3955 **Box No: 411285**

EASY going male 45, likes sports, seeks female for relationship.0906 500 3955 **Box No: 411541**

Men seeking men

BI-GUY 5'9 medium build blue eyes shaved head mid 40s wltm guy for occasional meets drinks chat and fun. **Text Only Mailbox Box No: 4472528**

DIVORCED male, young, fit 50, generous, own business, seeks male, any nationality, 18-20 for good times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412727**

MALE 40's, discreet, seeks black male, under 30 for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412415**

YOUNG male, 25, educated, likes arts, dogs, travel, classic cars, comedy, seeks similar older male for LTR. London/Shropshire anywhere. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 412463**

OLDER guy likes meals out, holidays, seeking younger for fun times. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 411713**

Women seeking Women

WIDOWED retired professional business lady, 64, affable, seeks similar lady to share cabin and costs on Christmas cruise. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 413887**

Friends

MODERN young at heart lonely lady, 70's, likes trips out, holidays, seeking similar lady for friendship. **Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 410215**

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Downing aims to stand tall for the Saddlers

PAUL Downing is looking to stand tall this season, in more ways than one.

The centre-back might only be 22 but he is already one of the old heads in the Walsall team.

Quickly closing in on 100 appearances for the Saddlers, Downing is also emerging as a young leader in a defence which many believed had lost a vital component in the summer with the exit of skipper Andy Butler.

Downing was subsequently named vice-captain and says he is ready to help fill the void left by his former defensive partner both on and off the field.

With seven of the side which finished Saturday's game at Leyton Orient aged 22 or under, the defender feels it is his job to set the example.

"I have got to take the responsibility on," he says. "I was given the vice-captaincy this season so I'm getting older now and more experienced. It is time to step up from what Andy did.

"I have had the experience of playing alongside him now and I have got to look after the likes of Liam Kinsella alongside me and show him the ropes. I will look to build on that this season."

Handful

While Downing wants to be a sounding board for the likes of Kinsella, Reece Flanagan and Kieron Morris, he is also eager to again be part of a mean defence.

The season might be only a handful of weeks old but the signs are the Saddlers may not miss Butler as much has had been feared.

Two clean sheets in the opening four league games is a decent platform from which to build, and the back four's strength in depth has already been tested by injuries to James O'Connor, Ben Purkiss and James Chambers.

Kinsella and Dean Holden, two players at the opposite end of their careers, have both impressed and even more pleasing for Downing is how the defence have flourished in exactly the situations they were expected to struggle.

Tom Pope, James Hanson and Darius Henderson are three of the division's more industrial strikers, the type Butler would usually have been tasked with dealing with.

Yet only Pope has enjoyed any success against the new-look Saddlers backline.

"I think that will give us confidence," said Downing. "They are proven goalscorers at this level and are scoring every week but we are managing to keep them out."

Meanwhile, Walsall boss Dean Smith admits Sam Mantom will have to play through the pain barrier to shake his injury woes.

Paul Downing has become a towering figure for Walsall

Mantom, last year's player of the season, has been sidelined with a knee ligament injury since early July.

The midfielder appeared close to a return when he appeared as a substitute in the final pre-season friendly against Villa, but according to Smith has since suffered several 'knock-backs'.

Frustrating

Now the manager believes the 22-year-old former Albion man needs to play through the pain barrier to complete his return.

"It's been frustrating for all of us, none more so than for Sam himself," said Smith.

"He is doing everything – training and kicking the ball with his left foot but every so often he has just felt it when he has used his right.

"He's had the scan and it has shown the structure of the knee is sound and there is not much to worry about, so he is going to have to go and play through the pain barrier a little bit to get back into it."

He added: "You just don't know with this type of injury, you can't feel anybody else's pain so it is a tough one. But it is one Sam has got to come through."

Mantom will not be involved in this afternoon's League One game at Leyton Orient with Billy Clifford again set to partner Adam Chambers in the middle of the park.

And Smith admits the form of Clifford means Mantom is not guaranteed an instant recall to the first team when he regains full fitness.

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Wood hit a hat-trick of victories

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Football

WOOD made it three wins in 10 days as goals from Max Black after 34 minutes and debutant Daniel Holgate on 51 put them in the driving seat.

A scrambled effort by Jack Pearlman with 17 minutes to go made for a tense last 20 minutes, but Wood held out to record a welcome three points that takes them up to 13th place in the table.

After just six minutes Drew Aiton cut in from the left and found Joey Butlin, his first time effort comfortably saved by keeper Sam Hawker.

Then on 17 minutes a ball into the right of the box saw Daniel Holgate hold the ball up before playing the ball back for Corey Currithers to hit a low drive that was well held by Hawker.

Aaron Lloyd got clear on the Causeway right, his low cross took out 2 defenders but keeper Mario Kisiel made the ball his. A minute later Reece Shilvock raced in from wide left, he went through 2 tackles and his low drive was held at full stretch by Kisiel.

Back came Wood, Danny Forrest hitting a near post cross from wide left, Darren Whitley heading the ball behind to deny Butlin.

On 26 minutes it was Forrest again racing onto a ball into the centre of the box, his shot was blocked but ballooned in the air for Aiton to hit an acrobatic volley that brought a full-length save from Hawker.

Back came the visitors, two minutes later Shilvock collected the ball from a left wing throw his first time drive flying just wide of the far post. Then 3 minutes later Matt Gardener raced onto a ball wide left and raced to the byeline before cutting the ball back for Lloyd to fire first time high over.

Wood went ahead on 37 minutes, a long ball forward found Holgate who held the ball up before releasing Max Black into the left of the box, he went through one challenge and fired into the bottom corner.

After a quiet opening to the second half Wood increased their lead on 51 minutes, Tom Evans crossed from wide right, Butlin flicked the ball on and Holgate swept the ball home for a debut goal.

After 57 minutes Jack Pearlman raced clear wide right, his low cross taken bravely by Kisiel at the feet of Lloyd.

Three minutes later from a right wing free kick Gardener raced into the right of the box, Kisiel making a brave block. Then Lloyd played a ball into the left of the box, Kisiel racing from his line to kick clear from Gardener. After which Sam Tye raced onto a ball wide left, cut inside and fired just wide .

Then on 70 minutes a neat move involving Forrest and Danny McGhee saw the ball played inside to Butlin, his reverse ball released McGhee in on goal, his attempted chip claimed at full stretch by Hawker.

An attempted clearance was charged down by Tye who raced for goal, Anthony Juxon making a great tackle at the expense of a corner. From the left wing corner the ball dropped for Pearlman to fire home from close range.

With 85 minutes gone and a neat one-two by McGhee with Adams wide on the left saw him crowded out .A minute from time McGhee crossed to release Black into the box,who fired just wide.

Glovers come off the better at Saddlers

Walsall 1 Yeovil 2

BOTH these sides were without a win in eight league games stretching back to last season, so something was always likely to give.

Unfortunately for Dean Smith and the Saddlers, it was the visitors who broke their duck.

The hosts had chances – notably in the first half – but failed to take them and though Tom Bradshaw cancelled out James Hayter's second-half opener, Kevin Dawson restored the Glovers' advantage immediately as they took their first win of the season.

Smith and his players must wait for theirs after a night which provided more questions than answers.

As expected the only change in the Walsall line-up came in defence where Dean Holden replaced the injured James Chambers.

That meant another start for 18-year-old Liam Kinsella. The teenager was superb against Bradford on Saturday but in the opening five minutes sold a backpass short which almost allowed Hayter in, before Billy Clifford hacked the ball clear.

It was the visitors who should have taken the lead only for Hayter to blast wide after getting in thanks to Joe Edwards' sublime ball.

Yeovil made most of the early running, but the Saddlers seemed to be fashioning the better chances on the break. Ashley Grimes sliced horribly wide after starting a lovely move which ended with him receiving a cross from Benning in stride 10 yards from goal.

At the other end, Nathan Smith caused consternation with a low cross which was missed by a host of Yeovil players when only a finishing touch was required.

Heading into the final five minutes of the first period, half the crowd thought Andy Taylor's free-kick had flown into the top corner and not, as in fact, just wide.

Romaine Sawyers then squandered a great chance when he was played in by a smart Grimes flick but his weak finish, which dribbled yards wide, drew groans from fans.

Edwards and Sawyers were then both off-target. As the Saddlers pressed, Yeovil's goal 11 minutes into the half felt like a sucker punch – though it came from a fine move. One-touch passing ended with Dawson crossing and Hayter heading into the top corner.

The hosts huffed and puffed and levelled with a goal which owed more to persistence than fancy football. A corner was returned into the box by skipper Adam Chambers; Paul Downing turned the ball to Bradshaw and he scrambled it home from four yards. But they were level for less than a minute, as Smith crossed. Dawson claimed the goal; AJ Leitch-Smith may have chested it over the line and boss Smith claimed handball.

The Saddlers saw appeals for a penalty waved away when Bakayoko appeared to be pushed over.

Walsall's Billy Clifford shadows James Hayter during the Saddlers' defeat by Yeovil

Skipper Chambers is offering no excuses

ADAM CHAMBERS has been in the game too long to worry about one result.

Having previously seen more than a year of his career wiped out through injury, the Walsall skipper is understandably a man who rarely takes the short-term view.

Nevertheless, there is a definite determination to put things right .

Chambers makes no excuses for Walsall's 2-1 home defeat to Yeovil. It was a game many feel the Saddlers should have won, but the captain was not satisfied with the performance.

"Yeovil pressed us and we weren't quite at the levels we have shown we can be," he says.

"That was the disappointing thing. There was the odd occasion when we broke the press and created chances and that is the good thing – if they go in it is a totally different game.

"It's disappointing not to get the result and our performance levels dropped a little bit from what they had been in the first three games.

"I think you have to give credit to Yeovil, they pressed us quite hard and didn't really allow us to find the passing level we had in the first three games. It's disappointing but at the same time it is still early days."

Chambers says he can understand the reaction of supporters to the defeat, which meant the Saddlers took just one point from their opening two home games.

While grumbling on the terraces may be symptomatic of a hangover from last season's poor finish, the skipper insists that has been forgotten in the dressing room. And he believes Romaine Sawyers, whose substitution was greeted by sarcastic cheers from a minority of supporters, has the character to come through any slump in form.

"Romaine is a very talented player and he is always pushing himself in training," said Chambers. "He wants to be the best player he can be and he is still a young guy.

"With young players, and even old players, you sometimes get a bit of inconsistency and he is striving to be the best he can be. It was disappointing to hear it (the crowd reaction) but he is a strong character as well. I'm confident he will have a good season.

"The way he plays he has an old head on young shoulders and he is very calm on the ball.

"He is still a young player and he is still learning. Sometimes you get these inconsistencies but it is important that we as a team stick together and obviously we need the fans to stick behind us."

Chambers added: "From the fans point of view there were frustrations and we understand that.

"We are trying to give them a team to be proud of and play in a style where we control games and create chances.

"You understand sometimes when things don't go as we'd like and there is frustration for us too.

"But it is one of those things, it is one game and we have got to be positive and look ahead.

"We need to get our performance levels back to where we can be and if we do that I'm sure we'll be fine."

Sawyers must do better – Smith

DEAN SMITH has said Romaine Sawyers must do better – but backed the Walsall forward to prove his critics wrong.

The 22-year-old struggled in Tuesday's 2-1 home defeat to Yeovil Town and his substitution late on was greeted by sarcastic cheers from sections of the crowd.

Sawyers later acknowledged on Twitter that the performance was 'well below' his own personal standards. But Smith does not expect the former Albion ace to shirk his responsibilities.

"It is tough on them but Romaine knows he has to do better," said Smith. "One thing he does not do is shy away from it."

Sawyers was guilty of missing two good chances in the defeat to the Glovers and has not scored since January.

The Saddlers, meanwhile, have won just once at home during that period and taken just one point from the first two league games in front of their own fans this season. And Smith admitted the players are feeling the pressure.

"Pressure builds all the time and when people talk about us not scoring on Saturday, even though we played ever so well, players feel that," said the manager.

Fans send backing for Romaine

WALSALL boss Dean Smith has received email messages of support from fans backing out-of-sorts forward Romaine Sawyers.

The manager admits he was disappointed to hear the 22-year-old's substitution met by ironic cheers from sections of the home crowd after a below-par display in the 2-1 defeat to Yeovil.

But he has since received messages from supporters backing Sawyers to turn his form around.

"I was disappointed with the ironic cheers and he will be as well, because he is a talented player and is one who every manager who comes in after the game talks about.

"It was only a minority and the pleasing thing is I have had emails since from a number of supporters backing him and he can be a really good player for us.

"He didn't look confident in front of goal and that certainly won't help him. We will have a chat with him."

Wolves close in on Saville deal

WOLVES were closing in on the signing of Chelsea midfielder George Saville.

The 21-year-old spent several hours at Compton on Monday undergoing a medical and having talks and officials hope to announce what is understood to be a loan deal with a view to a permanent signing shortly.

Medicals at Wolves are usually spread over two days.

Camberley-born Saville, who has a year left on his contract at Chelsea and has been cleared to leave, would become head coach Kenny Jackett's third summer signing after Tommy Rowe and Rajiv van La Parra.

Smith is set on signing a striker

DEAN SMITH wants Walsall to be more clinical and insisted a new striker will arrive before the month is out.

The Saddlers boss sees a centre-forward as the final piece of the jigsaw after a summer spent rebuilding his forward line.

But after appearing close to a deal on several occasions, another week seems set to pass without Smith snaring his man.

The boss says the club are staying patient and covering all bases in their search and remains confident a deal will be done before the transfer window closes.

"You can't always say let's go and get a certain player because I have seen too many times it falls through," said Smith, who is looking at both permanent and loan possibilities.

"You have to have all bases covered and that is what we are trying to do.

"Hopefully something will happen but unfortunately you just have to wait and be patient.

"We are no closer than after the game on Tuesday but I will have someone in before the window closes, that is for sure."Smith believes they have deserved to take more from the opening three games and says it is a question of getting the basics right.

Lambert is delighted at defence

BOSS Paul Lambert has praised Villa's new-look defence after they made it successive clean sheets to start the Premier League season.

Saturday's 0-0 draw with Newcastle followed an opening-day 1-0 success at Stoke City.

Villa are yet to concede a goal this season, with new signings Philippe Senderos and Aly Cissokho, and the back in favour Alan Hutton all impressing.

And Lambert said: "We have been tougher.

"That's a great testament not only to the back five but also the midfield lads who are putting one hell of a shift in." Lambert was particularly delighted with the performance of Cissokho, whose signing raised plenty of eyebrows .

"I thought Aly Cissokho was outstanding," Lambert continued.

"Aly was that good they had to put their own Sissoko on the right side to try and stop him because he was that powerful.

Bridge too far for Lockmen

Bridgnorth 5 Willenhall 1

WILLENHALL suffered a 5-1 defeat to an impressive Bridgnorth side in the West Midlands Premier Division.

The Reds took an eighth minute lead when a ball from Matt Dorgan found Tony Clift on the right, he cut inside and launched a fierce drive high and wide of home keeper Chris Crook.

The Blues seized control in the second half and took the lead through skipper Jason Pike in 64 minutes, before three goals in eight minutes from Karl Griffiths, Ryan Guryn and Coney completed the scoring.

This Saturday Willenhall play Malvern Town.

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League's new boys grab their first scalp

Rushall 2 Ramsbottom 4

NEWLY-PROMOTED Ramsbottom United picked up their maiden win in the Evo-Stik Premier Division from their first ever visit to Dales Lane.

The visitors took a fourth-minute lead when Phil Dean rounded off an excellent move with a close-range tap-in.

On 28 minutes the visitors doubled their lead when they were gifted a goal.

Chris Westwood's back pass to goalkeeper Chris Gemmell was short, but the keeper missed his kick to allow Jordan Hulme to run the ball into an empty net.

Three minutes before the break the home side were back in it when Josh Craddock headed home a Tony Capaldi cross.

Two goals in the first eight minutes of the second half put the visitors firmly in the driving seat.

On 52 minutes Gemmell brought down Jon Robinson in the penalty area and Robinson picked himself up to easily convert the spot-kick and a minute later Phil Dean finished off a neat move from close range.

Pics pulled a goal back seven minutes from time, when Craddock fired home his second but it was too little too late as Rams to the points.

Attendance: 161.

Big Ron tickets are going fast

RON Atkinson, one of football's most charismatic former managers, has attracted massive interest for his appearance in Wolverhampton next month.

Atkinson, who won the League Cup with Villa in 1994 and had two spells in charge of Albion during a glittering career, will be live on stage at the Cleveland Arms, Stow Heath Lane WV1 2QN on Thursday, September 28.

All VIP tickets have already been sold but some standard tickets remain.

'Big Ron' turned 75 earlier this year and admits he's enjoying life as much as ever as he looks ahead to his visit.

"I always tell people I left school at 15 and haven't worked since!" said Ron. Tickets are available in from the Cleveland Arms or on 01902 451021 or visit clevelandarms.com

Wood come away with a draw at Swifts

Stourport Swifts 1 Walsall Wood 1

Football

THROUGH supersub Dave Carns Wood went ahead with 17 minutes to go, however the lead only lasted six minutes with Swifts' skipper Gary Walker capitalising on rare indecision in the Wood defence to fire home the equaliser.

Defences were on top for the first 20 minutes apart from a central free kick for Swifts from 20 yards that ricochetted off the Wood wall to Michael McGrath, his low drive pushed away by keeper Mario Kisiel.

A long clearance fell into the path of McGrath to hit first time, his shot deflecting off a Wood defender for a corner. Three minutes later Ashley Parsons-Smith played a neat one-two wide right with Alex Cowley before racing into the box, his low cross put behind by Anthony Juxon to deny Lewis Pountney.

Joey Butlin intercepted a ball on halfway and fed Corey Currithers wide left, he cut inside, went through two tackles only to hit a low drive wide.

Then McGrath released Lewis Pountney into the left of the box, Juxon saving Wood with a superbly timed tackle.

A Kisiel goal kick a minute later was headed on by Drew Aiton, the ball picking up pace off the wet surface to run away from Daniel Holgate on the left of the box.

The last goalmouth action of the half came on 41 minutes, Parsons-Smith crossing from wide right, the ball half cleared to McGrath on the edge of the box, his first time effort just wide.

A minute into the second half, Evans cut inside from wide right and was brought down just outside the D, Butlin firing the free kick wide of the left hand post. On 73 minutes Luke Adams raced out of defence before feeding Aiton wide left, his neat ball inside was collected at pace by Dave Carns, who made an incisive run across the box before drilling a low drive into the bottom left hand corner to open the scoring.

The reply was almost instantaneous.Gary Walker fired home the equaliser from just inside the box .

It's FA Cup action for Wood next when they take on Stafford Rangers at Oak Park on Saturday.

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FORDE FLOPS JUST FEET FROM GOAL

Leyton Orient 0 Walsall 0

HOPEFULLY, years from now, Anthony Forde will be able to look back and laugh.

Sadly, right now, his miss from two yards out was the most unforgettable moment of what was in the entertainment stakes a largely forgettable match.

Football

The most frustrating thing for the 20-year-old winger will surely be the way his own good work led to his downfall.

Had he reacted slower to goalkeeper Adam Legzdins heavy touch, or ignored it altogether, we would be reflecting on a decent full debut.

Instead we are left discussing a miss which will likely feature on numerous blooper DVDs in the coming years.

Pilloried

For Walsall, a team so frequently pilloried for an inability to hit the target when it counts, it seemed almost sarcastic.

And yet really it shouldn't detract from what was largely a positive performance.

It was certainly a significant improvement on Tuesday night's showing against Yeovil. Taken as a whole, the first four games would suggest nights like that will be the exception rather than the rule this term.

The Saddlers were at least the equal of an Orient side who were able to boast in their line-up two players – in Darius Henderson and Jobi McAnuff – snared from Championship outfits over the summer. What is still missing, of course, are the goals and a first win but for now Smith deserves the benefit of the doubt.

This is still very much a team getting to know each other and missing several key players who should improve it significantly. Positives were there in the performances of Paul Downing, who kept the bustling Henderson largely in check. Alongside him, veteran Dean Holden is fulfilling his promise .

Then there is Liam Kinsella, who has now completed the most impressive trio of performances from a first year professional in many a year. Up front there was no goal for Tom Bradshaw but his latest tireless display was worthy of note and praise.

Smith would appear to have one-half of an impressive strike duo in the 21-year-old and if he can capture the missing piece in the coming week, the Saddlers will be well set. The manager will also have taken heart in seeing Romaine Sawyers back to something like his old self. .

Tom Bradshaw takes on Mathieu Baudry during the scoreless match at the Orient

Forget the failure, Forde told

WALSALL winger Anthony Forde was has been told to forget his Leyton Orient horror miss.

The 20-year-old squandered a great chance to claim three points for the Saddlers on his full debut at Brisbane Road on Saturday.

But he somehow back-heeled wide of an open goal from just two yards out, having done much of the hard work by charging down home keeper Adam Legzdins' clearance.

Saddlers keeper Richard O'Donnell believes the former Wolves man should simply forget the incident and take the positives after his first start in a Walsall shirt.

"He (Forde) has done really well closing it down and it is just unfortunate it did not fall for him the second time," said O'Donnell.

"We knew we wanted to close the keeper down, so he has taken that on board. He has not got his rewards in the end – but he has done the right thing and was unlucky.

"With something like that you just say 'forget it' and move on."

Forde's miss was the Saddlers' best chance of a goal.

Kinsella displays impress keeper

RICHARD O'DONNELL says Liam Kinsella has had the best start to a professional career of anyone he's ever seen.

The keeper believes the 18-year-old has been 'unbelievable' in his first three games for the Saddlers.

Kinsella, a first-year professional, has impressed against Bradford and Yeovil.

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